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## **OBSERVATIONS**

### **(Regional and Statewide)**

#### **Consumer and Case Counts**

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, DSS had 22,592 open cases (1,798 adoption cases and 20,794 clinical cases). A total of 71,647 consumers (33,821 adults and 37,826 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 2,930 in the Boston Region to 4,835 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- The statewide consumer population declined 5% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2005 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. The typical pattern is a drop in consumers in the summer quarter (Q1) followed by a rise in consumers during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). These quarterly fluctuations are related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 4, Figs. 20 and 21 on page 50)**

#### **Consumers in Placement**

- There were 10,398 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Included in this count are 9,220 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,178 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 22% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 18% in the Northeastern Region, 13% in both the Metro and Central Regions, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 24% (9,220) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 30% in the West, 24% in both the Southeast and Northeast, 23% in Metro, 21% in Central, and 20% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Springfield, Holyoke, and Greenfield Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Lawrence, Park Street, Malden, and Harbor Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2005 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, counts of children in placement decreased in all regions (-2% to -9%) except the West (+3%). **(Fig. 3)**

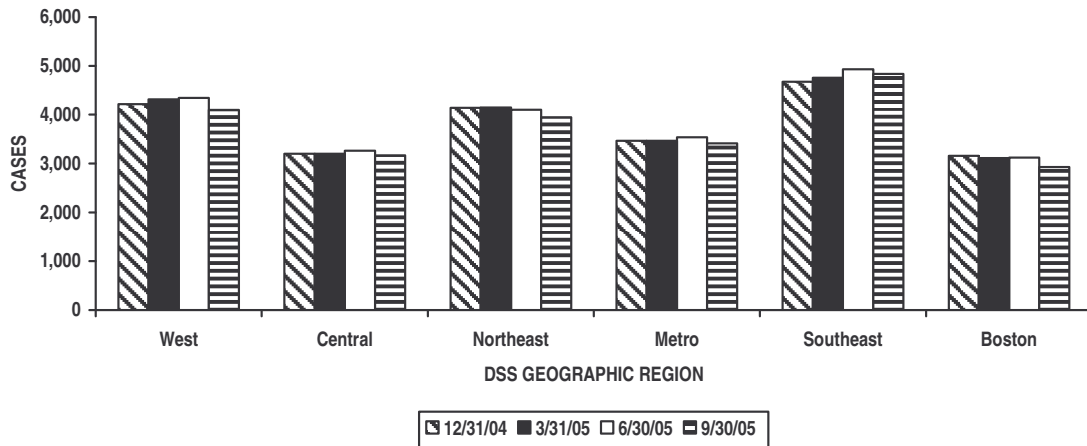
- From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2005 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, counts of children not in placement decreased in all regions (-3% to -12%). A distinct decline in non-placement children (and to a lesser degree, placement children) is a typical occurrence when going from the end of the school year (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter) to summer vacation (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter) (**Fig. 4**). During the year, fluctuations in the DSS child population follow changes in the number of reports and investigations.

### **Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers**

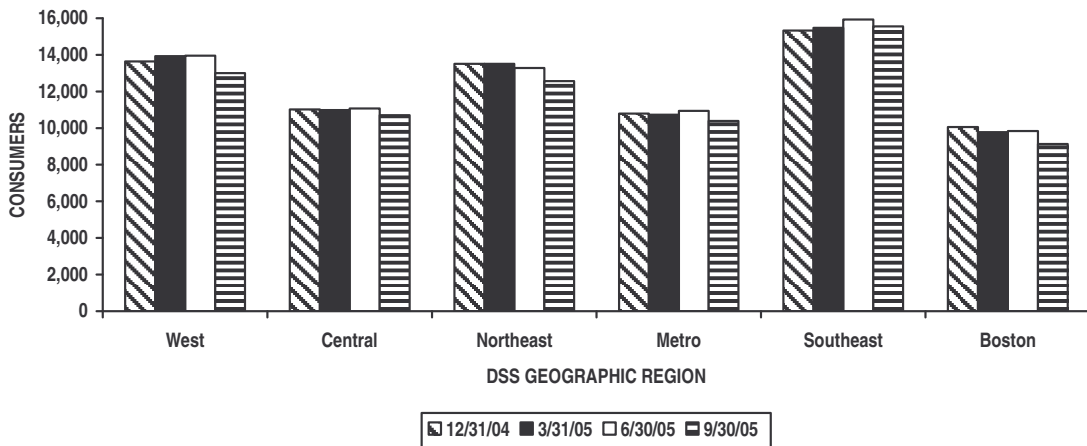
- On the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, the consumer population included 37,826 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 33,821 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-nine percent (14,889) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5**)
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. (**Fig. 5**)
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was unspecified for 23% of the consumers. (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)
- Of the total consumer population, 22% (15,831 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the Northeast, West, and Boston. (**Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D**)
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 48% Black and 23% White consumers (4,406 and 2,056 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--7% of the caseload (825 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)
- The Northeastern, Boston, and Western Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 9% (1,075 consumers), 8% (694), and 7% (973), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 391 DSS consumers (1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast), Vietnamese (Boston and Central), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4**)

| TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)  |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
|--|------------------------------|--|--------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| DSS Geographic Region  |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
|  |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           | Adoption |                          |                      |        |
| Case Counts:   |                              |  | West   | Central | Northeast | Metro  | Southeast | Boston   | Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> | Other <sup>(2)</sup> | Total  |
| Adoption   |                              |  | 383    | 230     | 257       | 228    | 352       | 187      | 160                      | 1                    | 1,798  |
| Clinical   |                              |  | 3,713  | 2,939   | 3,689     | 3,188  | 4,483     | 2,743    | 6                        | 33                   | 20,794 |
| Total  |                              |  | 4,096  | 3,169   | 3,946     | 3,416  | 4,835     | 2,930    | 166                      | 34                   | 22,592 |
| Consumer Counts:   |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
| Adults: <sup>(3)</sup>   |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
|  | In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> | Foster/Residential Care <sup>(5)</sup> | 197    | 109     | 246       | 172    | 204       | 192      | ---                      | 22                   | 1,142  |
|  |                              | Other <sup>(6)</sup>                   | 4      | 4       | 9         | 5      | 4         | 10       | ---                      | ---                  | 36     |
|  |                              | Total in Placement                     | 201    | 113     | 255       | 177    | 208       | 202      | ---                      | 22                   | 1,178  |
|  | Not in Placemer              |  | 5,765  | 4,830   | 5,637     | 5,008  | 7,430     | 3,963    | ---                      | 10                   | 32,643 |
|  | Total Adults                 |  | 5,966  | 4,943   | 5,892     | 5,185  | 7,638     | 4,165    | ---                      | 32                   | 33,821 |
| Children:  |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
|  |                              | Placement Service                      | 1,985  | 1,156   | 1,490     | 1,136  | 1,808     | 907      | 259                      | 6                    | 8,747  |
|  |                              | Other <sup>(6)</sup>                   | 48     | 27      | 51        | 36     | 40        | 55       | 1                        | ---                  | 258    |
|  |                              | On the Run                             | 73     | 18      | 37        | 17     | 36        | 34       | ---                      | ---                  | 215    |
|  |                              | Total in Placement                     | 2,106  | 1,201   | 1,578     | 1,189  | 1,884     | 996      | 260                      | 6                    | 9,220  |
|  | Not in Placemer              |  | 4,933  | 4,555   | 5,091     | 4,013  | 6,032     | 3,974    | 6                        | 2                    | 28,606 |
|  | Total Children               |  | 7,039  | 5,756   | 6,669     | 5,202  | 7,916     | 4,970    | 266                      | 8                    | 37,826 |
| Total  |                              |  | 13,005 | 10,699  | 12,561    | 10,387 | 15,554    | 9,135    | 266                      | 40                   | 71,647 |
| <sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.  |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
| <sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.  |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
| <sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.   |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
| <sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree). |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
| <sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.   |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |
| <sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes non-referral locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.   |                              |  |        |         |           |        |           |          |                          |                      |        |

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION**  
**(FY'2005, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION**  
**(FY'2005, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER)**





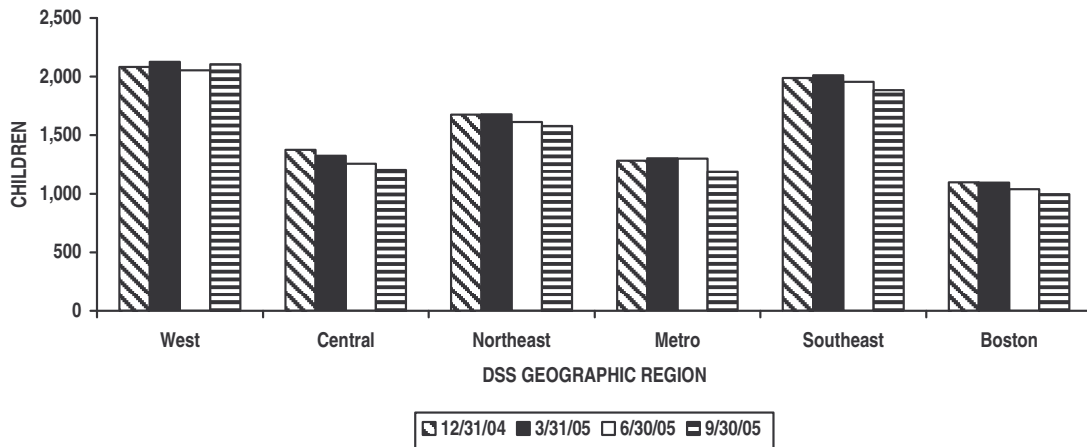
**TABLE 2. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DSS AREA OFFICE: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**

| <b>DSS Region/Area</b>          | <b>Not in Placement</b> | <b>In Placement</b> | <b>Total Child Caseload</b> | <b>% in Placement</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pittsfield                      | 701                     | 374                 | 1,075                       | 35%                   |
| Greenfield                      | 738                     | 330                 | 1,068                       | 31%                   |
| Holyoke                         | 1,091                   | 500                 | 1,591                       | 31%                   |
| Robert Van Wart                 | 1,318                   | 384                 | 1,702                       | 23%                   |
| Springfield                     | 1,079                   | 518                 | 1,597                       | 32%                   |
| Contracted Agencies             | 6                       | ---                 | 6                           | ---                   |
| <b>Western</b>                  | <b>4,933</b>            | <b>2,106</b>        | <b>7,039</b>                | <b>30%</b>            |
| North Central                   | 1,598                   | 368                 | 1,966                       | 19%                   |
| South Central                   | 1,136                   | 314                 | 1,450                       | 22%                   |
| Worcester                       | 1,814                   | 519                 | 2,333                       | 22%                   |
| Contracted Agencies             | 7                       | ---                 | 7                           | ---                   |
| <b>Central</b>                  | <b>4,555</b>            | <b>1,201</b>        | <b>5,756</b>                | <b>21%</b>            |
| Lowell                          | 1,079                   | 436                 | 1,515                       | 29%                   |
| Lawrence                        | 1,390                   | 311                 | 1,701                       | 18%                   |
| Cape Ann                        | 931                     | 275                 | 1,206                       | 23%                   |
| Haverhill                       | 799                     | 240                 | 1,039                       | 23%                   |
| Lynn                            | 886                     | 314                 | 1,200                       | 26%                   |
| Contracted Agencies             | 6                       | 2                   | 8                           | 25%                   |
| <b>Northeast</b>                | <b>5,091</b>            | <b>1,578</b>        | <b>6,669</b>                | <b>24%</b>            |
| Malden                          | 1,062                   | 240                 | 1,302                       | 18%                   |
| Framingham                      | 739                     | 254                 | 993                         | 26%                   |
| Cambridge                       | 621                     | 184                 | 805                         | 23%                   |
| Arlington                       | 845                     | 227                 | 1,072                       | 21%                   |
| Coastal                         | 725                     | 278                 | 1,003                       | 28%                   |
| Contracted Agencies             | 21                      | 6                   | 27                          | 22%                   |
| <b>Metro</b>                    | <b>4,013</b>            | <b>1,189</b>        | <b>5,202</b>                | <b>23%</b>            |
| Attleboro                       | 698                     | 245                 | 943                         | 26%                   |
| Brockton                        | 1,261                   | 316                 | 1,577                       | 20%                   |
| New Bedford                     | 1,485                   | 452                 | 1,937                       | 23%                   |
| Fall River                      | 995                     | 412                 | 1,407                       | 29%                   |
| Plymouth                        | 822                     | 194                 | 1,016                       | 19%                   |
| Cape Cod                        | 763                     | 261                 | 1,024                       | 25%                   |
| Contracted Agencies             | 8                       | 4                   | 12                          | 33%                   |
| <b>Southeast</b>                | <b>6,032</b>            | <b>1,884</b>        | <b>7,916</b>                | <b>24%</b>            |
| Hyde Park                       | 774                     | 234                 | 1,008                       | 23%                   |
| Dimock Street                   | 871                     | 242                 | 1,113                       | 22%                   |
| Park Street                     | 1,299                   | 287                 | 1,586                       | 18%                   |
| Harbor                          | 1,030                   | 231                 | 1,261                       | 18%                   |
| Contracted Agencies             |                         | 2                   | 2                           | 100%                  |
| <b>Boston</b>                   | <b>3,974</b>            | <b>996</b>          | <b>4,970</b>                | <b>20%</b>            |
| <b>Adoption Contract Region</b> | <b>6</b>                | <b>260</b>          | <b>266</b>                  | <b>98%</b>            |
| <b>Other<sup>(2)</sup></b>      | <b>2</b>                | <b>6</b>            | <b>8</b>                    | <b>75%</b>            |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>28,606</b>           | <b>9,220</b>        | <b>37,826</b>               | <b>24%</b>            |

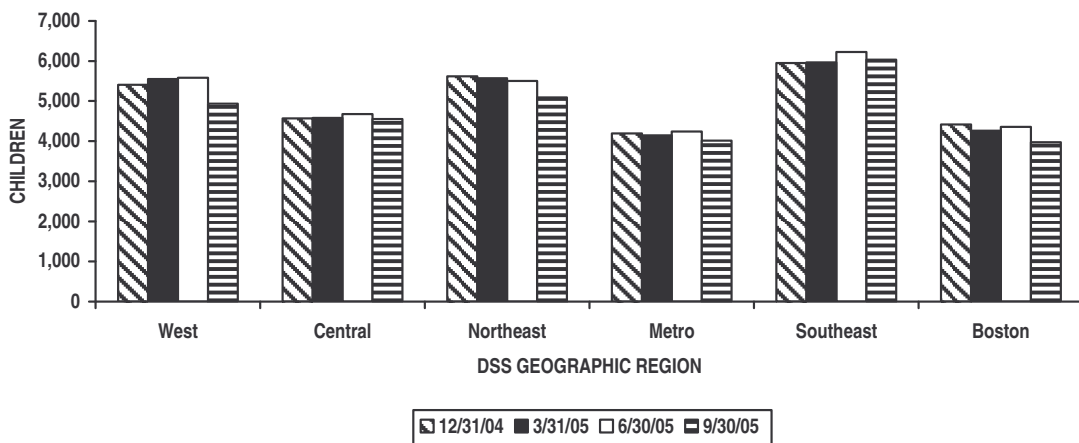
<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

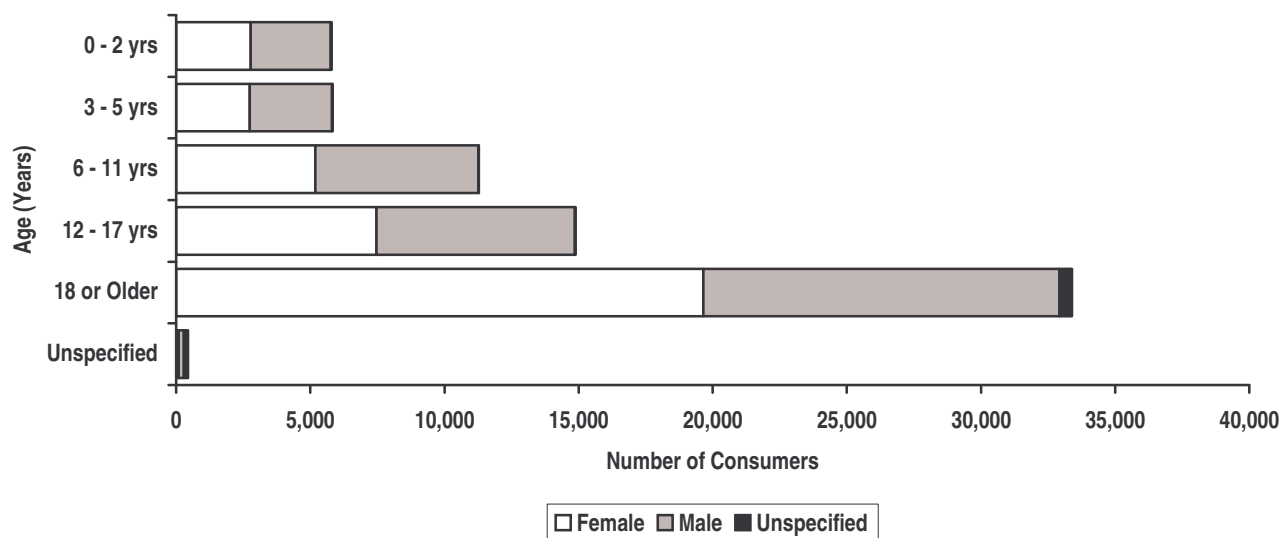
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2005, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2005, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2005, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE  
FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



| Age (Yrs)                  | Sex           |               |                            | Total         |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                            | Female        | Male          | Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup> |               |
| 0 - 2                      | 2,774         | 2,988         | 37                         | 5,799         |
| 3 - 5                      | 2,742         | 3,069         | 19                         | 5,830         |
| 6 - 11                     | 5,186         | 6,079         | 23                         | 11,288        |
| 12 - 17                    | 7,460         | 7,404         | 25                         | 14,889        |
| 18 or older                | 19,657        | 13,276        | 463                        | 33,396        |
| Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup> | 92            | 190           | 163                        | 445           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>37,911</b> | <b>33,006</b> | <b>730</b>                 | <b>71,647</b> |

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified includes 425 adults and 20 children whose ages were unknown and 730 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

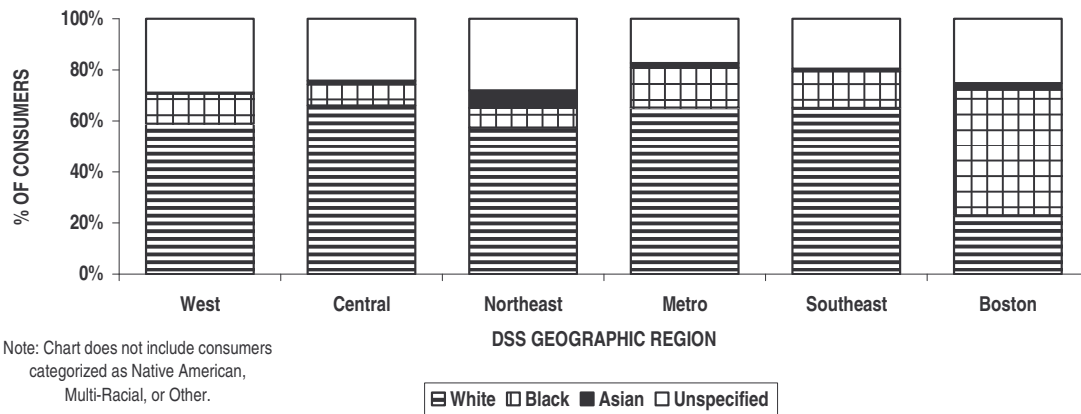
TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| Race                 | DSS Geographic Region |             |               |             |               |             |               |             |               |             |              |             | Adoption                 |             | Other <sup>(2)</sup> |             | Total         |             |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                      | West                  |             | Central       |             | Northeast     |             | Metro         |             | Southeast     |             | Boston       |             | Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> |             |                      |             |               |             |
|                      | No.                   | %           | No.           | %           | No.           | %           | No.           | %           | No.           | %           | No.          | %           | No.                      | %           | No.                  | %           | No.           | %           |
| White                | 7,460                 | 57%         | 6,907         | 65%         | 7,040         | 56%         | 6,629         | 64%         | 9,864         | 63%         | 2,056        | 23%         | 136                      | 51%         | 2                    | 5%          | 40,094        | 56%         |
| Black                | 1,500                 | 12%         | 870           | 8%          | 943           | 8%          | 1,585         | 15%         | 2,183         | 14%         | 4,406        | 48%         | 60                       | 23%         | 32                   | 80%         | 11,579        | 16%         |
| Asian                | 42                    | *           | 141           | 1%          | 825           | 7%          | 192           | 2%          | 148           | 1%          | 220          | 2%          | 3                        | 1%          | ---                  | ---         | 1,571         | 2%          |
| Native American      | 20                    | *           | 15            | *           | 23            | *           | 9             | *           | 49            | *           | 16           | *           | ---                      | ---         | ---                  | ---         | 132           | *           |
| Other <sup>(3)</sup> | 12                    | *           | 4             | *           | 8             | *           | 3             | *           | 9             | *           | 6            | *           | 1                        | *           | ---                  | ---         | 43            | *           |
| Multi-Racial         | 297                   | 2%          | 217           | 2%          | 270           | 2%          | 209           | 2%          | 334           | 2%          | 168          | 2%          | 25                       | 9%          | ---                  | ---         | 1,520         | 2%          |
| Unspecified          | 3,674                 | 28%         | 2,545         | 24%         | 3,452         | 27%         | 1,760         | 17%         | 2,967         | 19%         | 2,263        | 25%         | 41                       | 15%         | 6                    | 15%         | 16,708        | 23%         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>13,005</b>         | <b>100%</b> | <b>10,699</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>12,561</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>10,387</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>15,554</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>9,135</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>266</b>               | <b>100%</b> | <b>40</b>            | <b>100%</b> | <b>71,647</b> | <b>100%</b> |

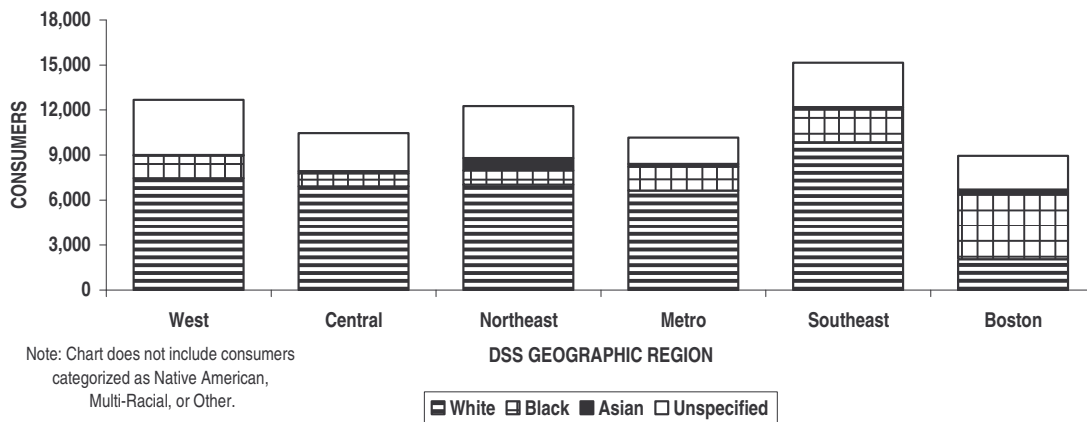
\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

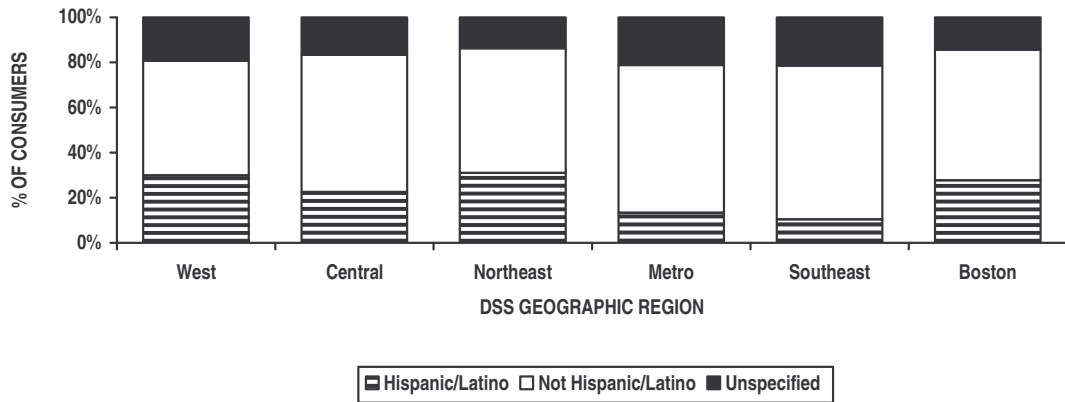
**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE**  
**FY'06, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



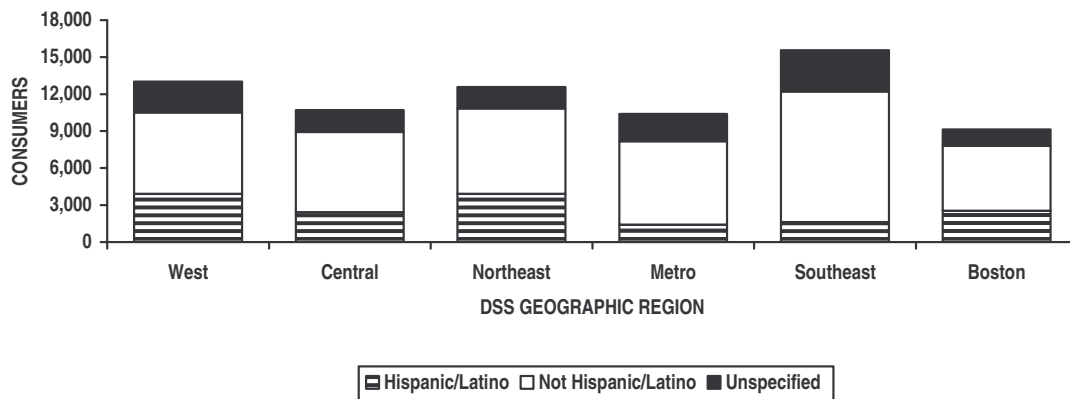
**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE**  
**FY'06, End of 12ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
FY'06, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
FY'06, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)



**TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**

| Primary Language     | DSS Geographic Region |      |         |      |           |      |        |      |           |      |        |      | Adoption                 |      |                      |      | Total  |      |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|--------------------------|------|----------------------|------|--------|------|
|                      | West                  |      | Central |      | Northeast |      | Metro  |      | Southeast |      | Boston |      | Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> |      | Other <sup>(2)</sup> |      |        |      |
|                      | No.                   | %    | No.     | %    | No.       | %    | No.    | %    | No.       | %    | No.    | %    | No.                      | %    | No.                  | %    | No.    | %    |
| Spanish              | 973                   | 7%   | 485     | 5%   | 1,075     | 9%   | 364    | 4%   | 322       | 2%   | 694    | 8%   | 17                       | 6%   | ---                  | ---  | 3,930  | 5%   |
| Khmer (Cambodian)    | 1                     | *    | 4       | *    | 316       | 3%   | ---    | ---  | 60        | *    | 10     | *    | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 391    | 1%   |
| Portuguese           | 4                     | *    | 10      | *    | 49        | *    | 62     | 1%   | 109       | 1%   | 30     | *    | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 264    | *    |
| Haitian Creole       | 2                     | *    | 4       | *    | 7         | *    | 93     | 1%   | 33        | *    | 55     | 1%   | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 194    | *    |
| Cape Verdean Creole  | ---                   | ---  | ---     | ---  | 1         | *    | 3      | *    | 101       | 1%   | 36     | *    | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 141    | *    |
| Vietnamese           | 7                     | *    | 42      | *    | 18        | *    | 25     | *    | 5         | *    | 44     | *    | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 141    | *    |
| Chinese              | 1                     | *    | 3       | *    | ---       | ---  | 21     | *    | 4         | *    | 16     | *    | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 45     | *    |
| Lao                  | ---                   | ---  | 4       | *    | 14        | *    | ---    | ---  | ---       | ---  | 2      | *    | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 20     | *    |
| American Sign Lang.  | 4                     | *    | 3       | *    | 7         | *    | 4      | *    | 6         | *    | 5      | *    | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 29     | *    |
| Other                | 386                   | 3%   | 263     | 2%   | 208       | 2%   | 212    | 2%   | 403       | 3%   | 207    | 2%   | 2                        | 1%   | 28                   | 70%  | 1,709  | 2%   |
| English\Unspeciified | 11,627                | 89%  | 9,881   | 92%  | 10,866    | 87%  | 9,603  | 92%  | 14,511    | 93%  | 8,036  | 88%  | 247                      | 93%  | 12                   | 30%  | 64,783 | 90%  |
| Total                | 13,005                | 100% | 10,699  | 100% | 12,561    | 100% | 10,387 | 100% | 15,554    | 100% | 9,135  | 100% | 266                      | 100% | 40                   | 100% | 71,647 | 100% |

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

## **Profile of Consumers in Placement<sup>1</sup>**

### **Foster and Residential Care**

- There were 7,757 consumers in foster care and 2,132 consumers in residential care on the last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Northeastern, Southeastern, and Metro Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (35-43% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 701, 572, and 479, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 64% to 75% across the regions. The Northeastern, Southeastern, and Metro Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 476, 415, and 379, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in non-referral locations<sup>2</sup> were primarily adolescents (73-84% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,763 consumers in “Contracted” foster care and 5,994 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Contracted foster care was primarily therapeutic (94% of the consumers). Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38%), kinship (33%), child specific (13%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (8%). **(Table 5B)**
- Regionally, the West had the largest numbers of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The Southeast and Metro had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Boston. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston and the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**

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<sup>1</sup> Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

<sup>2</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, other state agencies, and on the run from placement.



- The major residential programs were residential treatment (1,118 consumers) and group homes (916 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in the Northeast. **(Fig. 8A)**
- Boston had the largest number of clients in group homes. The Northeastern Region had the most consumers in residential treatment. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in residential treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities<sup>3</sup> while the leading group home model was Regular.<sup>4</sup> **(Table 5C)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was no significant change in the foster care population **(Fig. 9)**. However, the residential care population did show a steady decline from 2,660 to 2,132 consumers (-20% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2005 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006). This decline in residential care children occurred across all regions **(Fig. 10)**.

#### **All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)**

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 14% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A)**.
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,561 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**

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<sup>3</sup> Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

<sup>4</sup> Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who do not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 44% in the West to 51% in Boston. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 113 in Central to 255 in the Northeast. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (25%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 41% of the placement population had been in continuous care<sup>5</sup> for more than 2 years, 21% between 1 and 2 years, and 37% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeastern, Boston, and Western Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous<sup>6</sup> care for more than two years (44%, 44%, and 43%, respectively). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (44%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (855 and 845, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (991). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of minority consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to White consumers (47% Black, 46% Asian, 43% Hispanic vs. 40% White). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**

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<sup>5</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

<sup>6</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (September 30, 2005).

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 (“snapshot” on 9/30/05), the median time in continuous care was 1.3 years and median<sup>7</sup> age was 12.3 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. This was a small drop in both median age and length of stay. Perhaps, these minor changes are related to the decline in the residential care population (older children). Over the past 14 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable (See table below).

| All Children In Placement <sup>8</sup> |                  |   |                    |
|--|------------------|---|--------------------|
| Date                                   | Median Age (yrs) | Median Continuous Time In Placement (yrs) | Number Of Children |
| 7/92                                   | 9.2              | 1.5                                       | 12,311             |
| 7/93                                   | 9.3              | 1.6                                       | 12,577             |
| 7/94                                   | 9.1              | 1.4                                       | 12,977             |
| 7/95                                   | 9.2              | 1.3                                       | 13,056             |
| 7/96                                   | 9.7              | 1.4                                       | 12,643             |
| 7/97                                   | 10.2             | 1.4                                       | 11,957             |
| 9/98*                                  | 10.5             | 1.4                                       | 10,872             |
| 6/99*                                  | 11.0             | 1.2                                       | 10,134             |
| 6/00*                                  | 11.2             | 1.5                                       | 9,676              |
| 6/01*                                  | 11.5             | 1.4                                       | 9,955              |
| 6/02                                   | 11.9             | 1.5                                       | 10,033             |
| 6/03                                   | 12.2             | 1.5                                       | 10,233             |
| 6/04                                   | 12.3             | 1.5                                       | 9,829              |
| 6/05                                   | 12.6             | 1.4                                       | 9,474              |
| 9/05                                   | 12.3             | 1.3                                       | 9,220              |

\* = revised statistics

### **Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption**

- Out of 2,600 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,571 (60%) were White, 437 (17%) were Black, 25 (1%) were Asian, and 148 (6%) were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 16%. Twenty-eight percent (718) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A)
- The age distribution of 2,600 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 24% age 0-2 years, 24% age 3-5 years, 39% age 6-11 years, and 13% age 12-17 years. (Table 8C, Fig. 12A)

<sup>7</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<sup>8</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

- Fifty-one percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 49% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D, Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-nine percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D**)
- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>9</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 27-28%. (See table below)

| Date | Children in Placement | Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption | % of Children with a Goal of Adoption |
|------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 7/91 | 12,397                | 3,541   | 29%                                   |
| 7/92 | 12,311                | 4,116   | 33%                                   |
| 7/93 | 12,577                | 4,244   | 34%                                   |
| 7/94 | 12,977                | 4,522   | 35%                                   |
| 7/95 | 13,056                | 4,352   | 33%                                   |
| 7/96 | 12,463                | 4,251   | 34%                                   |
| 7/97 | 11,957                | 3,673   | 31%                                   |
| 1/98 | 11,170                | 3,489   | 31%                                   |
| 9/98 | 10,872*               | NA  | NA                                    |
| 6/99 | 10,134*               | 3,118   | 31%                                   |
| 6/00 | 9,676*                | 3,089   | 32%                                   |
| 6/01 | 9,955*                | 2,859   | 29%                                   |
| 6/02 | 10,033                | 2,844   | 28%                                   |
| 6/03 | 10,233                | 2,864*  | 28%                                   |
| 6/04 | 9,829                 | 2,761*  | 28%                                   |
| 6/05 | 9,474                 | 2,572   | 27%                                   |
| 9/05 | 9,220                 | 2,600   | 28%                                   |

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**  
= revised statistics

<sup>9</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,600 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 42% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-seven percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption was similar to the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (See below and Fig. 12A). So there does not appear to be any age bias in the freeing of children for adoption.

| Age Group (years) | Consumers Legally Free for Adoption |             | All Consumers with a Goal of Adoption |             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
|                   | No.                                 | %           | No.                                   | %           |
| 0 – 2             | 237                                 | 22%         | 614                                   | 24%         |
| 3 – 5             | 255                                 | 24%         | 635                                   | 24%         |
| 6 – 11            | 413                                 | 38%         | 1,003                                 | 39%         |
| 12 – 17           | 178                                 | 16%         | 345                                   | 13%         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1,083</b>                        | <b>100%</b> | <b>2,597</b>                          | <b>100%</b> |

Note: Children 18 years or older are all free for adoption.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (58%), 60% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Southeastern Region had the highest proportion (57%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western and Metro Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family, 86% and 76%, respectively. **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

|  |               | Placement Location of Consumers |     |                     |     |                      |      |              |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------------|------|--------------|
| DSS<br>Geographic<br>Region <sup>(1)</sup> |               | Foster<br>Care                  |     | Residential<br>Care |     | Other <sup>(2)</sup> |      | Total<br>No. |
|  | Age Group     | No.                             | %   | No.                 | %   | No.                  | %    |              |
| Western                                    |               | 1,902                           |     | 280                 |     | 125                  |      | 2,307        |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 302                             | 16% | 1                   | *   | 1                    | 1%   | 304          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 267                             | 14% | 3                   | 1%  | ---                  | ---  | 270          |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 466                             | 25% | 35                  | 13% | 15                   | 12%  | 516          |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 701                             | 37% | 210                 | 75% | 105                  | 84%  | 1,016        |
|  | 18 or older   | 166                             | 9%  | 31                  | 11% | 4                    | 3%   | 201          |
| Central                                    |               | 1,003                           |     | 262                 |     | 49                   |      | 1,314        |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 158                             | 16% | ---                 | --- | 2                    | 4%   | 160          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 146                             | 15% | 2                   | 1%  | ---                  | ---  | 148          |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 250                             | 25% | 39                  | 15% | 7                    | 14%  | 296          |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 366                             | 36% | 195                 | 74% | 36                   | 73%  | 597          |
|  | 18 or older   | 83                              | 8%  | 26                  | 10% | 4                    | 8%   | 113          |
| Northeast                                  |               | 1,260                           |     | 476                 |     | 97                   |      | 1,833        |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 183                             | 15% | ---                 | --- | 1                    | 1%   | 184          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 134                             | 11% | 3                   | 1%  | ---                  | ---  | 137          |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 280                             | 22% | 67                  | 14% | 7                    | 7%   | 354          |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 479                             | 38% | 344                 | 72% | 80                   | 82%  | 903          |
|  | 18 or older   | 184                             | 15% | 62                  | 13% | 9                    | 9%   | 255          |
| Metro                                      |               | 929                             |     | 379                 |     | 58                   |      | 1,366        |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 154                             | 17% | 1                   | *   | 3                    | 5%   | 158          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 129                             | 14% | 5                   | 1%  | ---                  | ---  | 134          |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 200                             | 22% | 44                  | 12% | 6                    | 10%  | 250          |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 323                             | 35% | 280                 | 74% | 44                   | 76%  | 647          |
|  | 18 or older   | 123                             | 13% | 49                  | 13% | 5                    | 9%   | 177          |
| Southeast                                  |               | 1,597                           |     | 415                 |     | 80                   |      | 2,092        |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 278                             | 17% | 1                   | *   | 2                    | 3%   | 281          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 240                             | 15% | 4                   | 1%  | 4                    | 5%   | 248          |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 345                             | 22% | 68                  | 16% | 6                    | 8%   | 419          |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 572                             | 36% | 300                 | 72% | 64                   | 80%  | 936          |
|  | 18 or older   | 162                             | 10% | 42                  | 10% | 4                    | 5%   | 208          |
| Boston                                     |               | 782                             |     | 317                 |     | 99                   |      | 1,198        |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 117                             | 15% | ---                 | --- | 1                    | 1%   | 118          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 77                              | 10% | 5                   | 2%  | 1                    | 1%   | 83           |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 132                             | 17% | 36                  | 11% | 11                   | 11%  | 179          |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 336                             | 43% | 204                 | 64% | 76                   | 77%  | 616          |
|  | 18 or older   | 120                             | 15% | 72                  | 23% | 10                   | 10%  | 202          |
| Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>          |               | 256                             |     | 3                   |     | 1                    |      | 260          |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 36                              | 14% | ---                 | --- | ---                  | ---  | 36           |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 73                              | 29% | ---                 | --- | ---                  | ---  | 73           |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 104                             | 41% | 2                   | 67% | 1                    | 100% | 107          |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 43                              | 17% | 1                   | 33% | ---                  | ---  | 44           |
| Other <sup>(4)</sup>                       |               | 28                              |     | ---                 | --- | ---                  | ---  | 28           |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 1                               | 4%  | ---                 | --- | ---                  | ---  | 1            |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 1                               | 4%  | ---                 | --- | ---                  | ---  | 1            |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 4                               | 14% | ---                 | --- | ---                  | ---  | 4            |
|  | 18 or older   | 22                              | 79% | ---                 | --- | ---                  | ---  | 22           |
| Total                                      |               | 7,757                           |     | 2,132               |     | 509                  |      | 10,398       |

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).<sup>(2)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY 2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| Foster Care                       |               |                        |                   |                      |                  |                    |       |             |                          |                    |         |              |              |                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--|
| DSS                               |               |                        |                   |                      |                  |                    |       |             |                          |                    |         |              |              |                   |  |
| Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>  | Age Group     | Contracted Foster Care |                   |                      |                  |                    |       |             | Departmental Foster Care |                    |         |              |              | Foster Care       |  |
|                                   |               | Diagnostic             | Emergency Shelter | Enhanced Therapeutic | Family Residence | Independent Living | Other | Therapeutic | Child Specific           | Independent Living | Kinship | Pre-Adoptive | Unrestricted | Foster Care Total |  |
| Western                           |               | 5                      | 15                | 2                    | 12               | 13                 | ---   | 389         | 194                      | 90                 | 387     | 157          | 638          | 1,902             |  |
|                                   | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | ---                    | 1                 | ---                  | 1                | ---                | ---   | 7           | 19                       | ---                | 61      | 69           | 144          | 302               |  |
|                                   | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | ---                    | 1                 | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 10          | 28                       | ---                | 84      | 40           | 104          | 267               |  |
|                                   | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | ---                    | 4                 | 1                    | ---              | ---                | ---   | 89          | 46                       | ---                | 121     | 42           | 163          | 466               |  |
|                                   | (12 - 17 yrs) | 5                      | 8                 | 1                    | 11               | ---                | ---   | 255         | 90                       | 8                  | 107     | 5            | 211          | 701               |  |
|                                   | 18 or older   | ---                    | 1                 | ---                  | ---              | 13                 | ---   | 28          | 11                       | 82                 | 14      | 1            | 16           | 166               |  |
| Central                           |               | ---                    | 5                 | ---                  | ---              | ---                | 1     | 212         | 111                      | 38                 | 271     | 65           | 300          | 1,003             |  |
|                                   | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 2           | 7                        | ---                | 59      | 25           | 65           | 158               |  |
|                                   | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 11          | 7                        | ---                | 62      | 15           | 51           | 146               |  |
|                                   | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 46          | 36                       | ---                | 66      | 17           | 85           | 250               |  |
|                                   | (12 - 17 yrs) | ---                    | 5                 | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 132         | 54                       | ---                | 79      | 8            | 88           | 366               |  |
|                                   | 18 or older   | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | 1     | 21          | 7                        | 38                 | 5       | ---          | 11           | 83                |  |
| Northeast                         |               | 1                      | 2                 | 2                    | 7                | ---                | 7     | 331         | 114                      | 119                | 320     | 37           | 320          | 1,260             |  |
|                                   | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | ---                    | 2                 | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 17          | 9                        | ---                | 65      | 11           | 79           | 183               |  |
|                                   | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | 1                | ---                | ---   | 17          | 12                       | ---                | 51      | 7            | 46           | 134               |  |
|                                   | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 1                      | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 69          | 30                       | ---                | 105     | 17           | 58           | 280               |  |
|                                   | (12 - 17 yrs) | ---                    | ---               | 2                    | 4                | ---                | 4     | 198         | 52                       | 4                  | 95      | 2            | 118          | 479               |  |
|                                   | 18 or older   | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | 2                | ---                | 3     | 30          | 11                       | 115                | 4       | ---          | 19           | 184               |  |
| Metro                             |               | ---                    | 4                 | 1                    | 6                | 2                  | ---   | 196         | 101                      | 61                 | 275     | 51           | 232          | 929               |  |
|                                   | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 10          | 11                       | ---                | 57      | 16           | 60           | 154               |  |
|                                   | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 14          | 14                       | ---                | 46      | 18           | 37           | 129               |  |
|                                   | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | ---                    | ---               | 1                    | 1                | ---                | ---   | 39          | 21                       | ---                | 80      | 14           | 44           | 200               |  |
|                                   | (12 - 17 yrs) | ---                    | 4                 | ---                  | 4                | 1                  | ---   | 119         | 41                       | 2                  | 80      | 3            | 69           | 323               |  |
|                                   | 18 or older   | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | 1                | 1                  | ---   | 14          | 14                       | 59                 | 12      | ---          | 22           | 123               |  |
| Southeast                         |               | ---                    | 6                 | 1                    | 3                | ---                | ---   | 283         | 139                      | 102                | 513     | 55           | 495          | 1,597             |  |
|                                   | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 7           | 15                       | ---                | 94      | 22           | 140          | 278               |  |
|                                   | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 15          | 26                       | ---                | 91      | 20           | 88           | 240               |  |
|                                   | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | ---                    | 1                 | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 45          | 23                       | ---                | 154     | 9            | 113          | 345               |  |
|                                   | (12 - 17 yrs) | ---                    | 5                 | 1                    | 3                | ---                | ---   | 191         | 56                       | 11                 | 160     | 4            | 141          | 572               |  |
|                                   | 18 or older   | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 25          | 19                       | 91                 | 14      | ---          | 13           | 162               |  |
| Boston                            |               | ---                    | 16                | 1                    | 1                | ---                | ---   | 192         | 84                       | 80                 | 162     | 30           | 216          | 782               |  |
|                                   | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | ---                    | 1                 | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 9           | 11                       | ---                | 34      | 18           | 44           | 117               |  |
|                                   | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | ---                    | 2                 | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 7           | 11                       | ---                | 27      | 6            | 24           | 77                |  |
|                                   | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | ---                    | ---               | 1                    | 1                | ---                | ---   | 36          | 19                       | ---                | 38      | 4            | 33           | 132               |  |
|                                   | (12 - 17 yrs) | ---                    | 12                | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 127         | 36                       | 3                  | 58      | 2            | 98           | 336               |  |
|                                   | 18 or older   | ---                    | 1                 | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 13          | 7                        | 77                 | 5       | ---          | 17           | 120               |  |
| Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup> |               | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 47          | 35                       | ---                | 46      | 62           | 66           | 256               |  |
|                                   | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 1           | 4                        | ---                | 13      | 4            | 14           | 36                |  |
|                                   | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 10          | 12                       | ---                | 16      | 16           | 19           | 73                |  |
|                                   | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 22          | 9                        | ---                | 15      | 32           | 26           | 104               |  |
|                                   | (12 - 17 yrs) | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | 14          | 10                       | ---                | 2       | 10           | 7            | 43                |  |
| Other <sup>(3)</sup>              |               | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | ---         | 1                        | 16                 | 2       | ---          | 9            | 28                |  |
|                                   | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | ---         | ---                      | ---                | ---     | ---          | 1            | 1                 |  |
|                                   | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | ---         | 1                        | ---                | ---     | ---          | ---          | 1                 |  |
|                                   | (12 - 17 yrs) | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | ---         | ---                      | ---                | 1       | ---          | 3            | 4                 |  |
|                                   | 18 or older   | ---                    | ---               | ---                  | ---              | ---                | ---   | ---         | ---                      | 16                 | 1       | ---          | 5            | 22                |  |
| Total                             |               | 6                      | 48                | 7                    | 29               | 15                 | 8     | 1,650       | 779                      | 506                | 1,976   | 457          | 2,276        | 7,757             |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| DSS<br>Geographic<br>Region <sup>(1)</sup> | Age Group     | Residential Care |                       |                      |         |                              |                        |                       |            |         |                      |         | Residential<br>Care<br>Total |
|--|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------|----------------------|---------|------------------------------|
|  |               | Group Home       |                       |                      |         |                              |                        | Residential Treatment |            |         |                      | Shelter |                              |
|  |               | Bridge<br>Home   | Independent<br>Living | Other <sup>(2)</sup> | Regular | Teen Pregnancy/<br>Parenting | Transitional<br>Living | Ch. 766               | Diagnostic | Non-766 | Other <sup>(2)</sup> |         |                              |
| Western                                    |               | 17               | 7                     | 2                    | 137     | 3                            | ---                    | 81                    | 5          | 1       | 9                    | 18      | 280                          |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 1                | ---                   | ---                  | ---     | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 1                            |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 3                | ---                   | ---                  | ---     | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 3                            |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 4                | ---                   | ---                  | 5       | ---                          | ---                    | 21                    | 5          | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 35                           |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 9                | 3                     | ---                  | 119     | 3                            | ---                    | 48                    | ---        | 1       | 9                    | 18      | 210                          |
|  | 18 or older   | ---              | 4                     | 2                    | 13      | ---                          | ---                    | 12                    | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 31                           |
| Central                                    |               | 17               | 3                     | ---                  | 89      | 3                            | ---                    | 113                   | 9          | 8       | 11                   | 9       | 262                          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 1                | ---                   | ---                  | 1       | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 2                            |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 9                | ---                   | ---                  | 5       | ---                          | ---                    | 21                    | 1          | ---     | 3                    | ---     | 39                           |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 7                | 3                     | ---                  | 72      | 2                            | ---                    | 82                    | 7          | 8       | 5                    | 9       | 195                          |
|  | 18 or older   | ---              | ---                   | ---                  | 11      | 1                            | ---                    | 10                    | 1          | ---     | 3                    | ---     | 26                           |
| Northeast                                  |               | 14               | 42                    | ---                  | 108     | ---                          | ---                    | 235                   | 50         | 1       | 19                   | 7       | 476                          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 2                | ---                   | ---                  | ---     | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | 1          | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 3                            |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 8                | ---                   | ---                  | 6       | ---                          | ---                    | 42                    | 6          | ---     | 5                    | ---     | 67                           |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 4                | 20                    | ---                  | 91      | ---                          | ---                    | 167                   | 43         | 1       | 11                   | 7       | 344                          |
|  | 18 or older   | ---              | 22                    | ---                  | 11      | ---                          | ---                    | 26                    | ---        | ---     | 3                    | ---     | 62                           |
| Metro                                      |               | 12               | 43                    | 1                    | 82      | 3                            | 4                      | 151                   | 38         | 10      | 20                   | 15      | 379                          |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | 1                | ---                   | ---                  | ---     | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 1                            |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 2                | ---                   | ---                  | ---     | ---                          | ---                    | 3                     | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 5                            |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 5                | ---                   | ---                  | 5       | ---                          | ---                    | 27                    | 1          | ---     | 6                    | ---     | 44                           |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 4                | 17                    | ---                  | 69      | 2                            | 2                      | 112                   | 37         | 10      | 12                   | 15      | 280                          |
|  | 18 or older   | ---              | 26                    | 1                    | 8       | 1                            | 2                      | 9                     | ---        | ---     | 2                    | ---     | 49                           |
| Southeast                                  |               | 14               | 16                    | 2                    | 112     | 6                            | ---                    | 185                   | 24         | 2       | 14                   | 40      | 415                          |
|  | ( 0 - 2 yrs)  | ---              | ---                   | ---                  | 1       | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 1                            |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 2                | ---                   | ---                  | ---     | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | 2          | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 4                            |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 7                | ---                   | ---                  | 17      | ---                          | ---                    | 35                    | 6          | ---     | 2                    | 1       | 68                           |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 5                | 9                     | 1                    | 86      | 5                            | ---                    | 129                   | 16         | 2       | 9                    | 38      | 300                          |
|  | 18 or older   | ---              | 7                     | 1                    | 8       | 1                            | ---                    | 21                    | ---        | ---     | 3                    | 1       | 42                           |
| Boston                                     |               | 18               | 38                    | 2                    | 108     | 10                           | 1                      | 119                   | 6          | ---     | 6                    | 9       | 317                          |
|  | ( 3 - 5 yrs)  | 3                | ---                   | ---                  | ---     | ---                          | ---                    | 1                     | ---        | ---     | 1                    | ---     | 5                            |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 7                | ---                   | ---                  | 11      | ---                          | ---                    | 18                    | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 36                           |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | 8                | 6                     | ---                  | 84      | 8                            | ---                    | 81                    | 5          | ---     | 3                    | 9       | 204                          |
|  | 18 or older   | ---              | 32                    | 2                    | 13      | 2                            | 1                      | 19                    | 1          | ---     | 2                    | ---     | 72                           |
| Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>          |               | 1                | ---                   | ---                  | 1       | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | 1          | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 3                            |
|  | ( 6 - 11 yrs) | 1                | ---                   | ---                  | 1       | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | ---        | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 2                            |
|  | (12 - 17 yrs) | ---              | ---                   | ---                  | ---     | ---                          | ---                    | ---                   | 1          | ---     | ---                  | ---     | 1                            |
| Total                                      |               | 93               | 149                   | 7                    | 637     | 25                           | 5                      | 884                   | 133        | 22      | 79                   | 98      | 2,132                        |

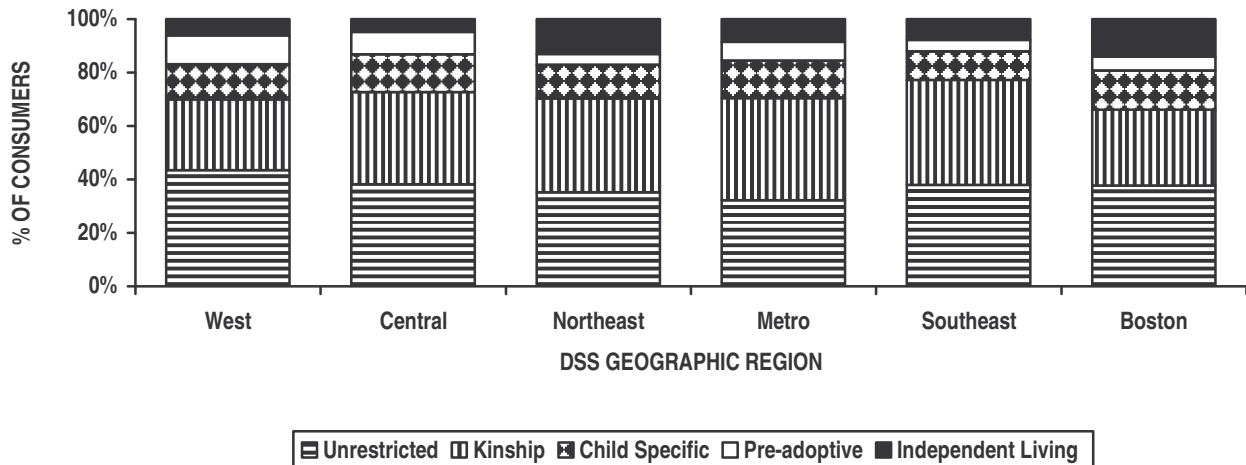
<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.

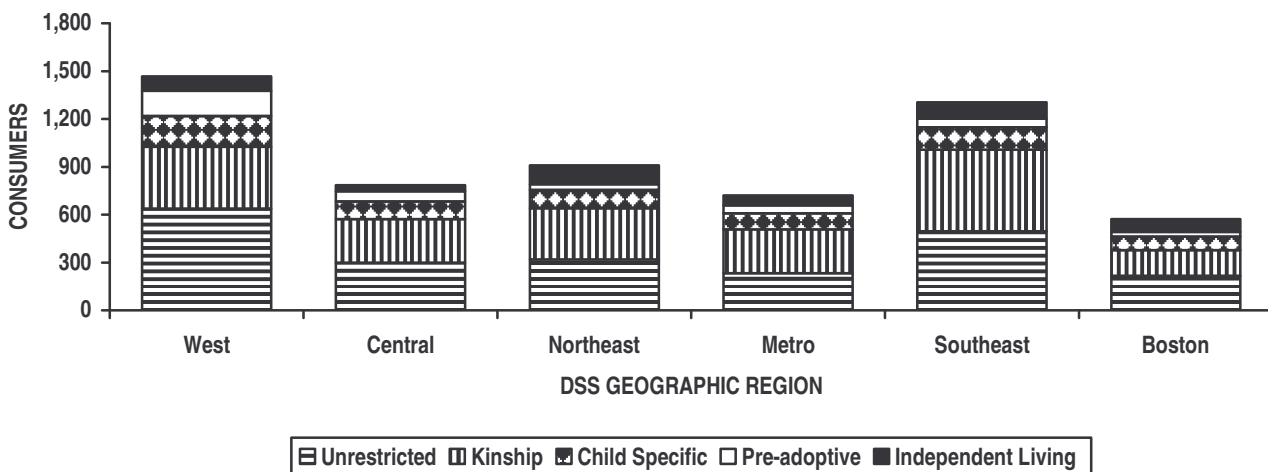
<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.



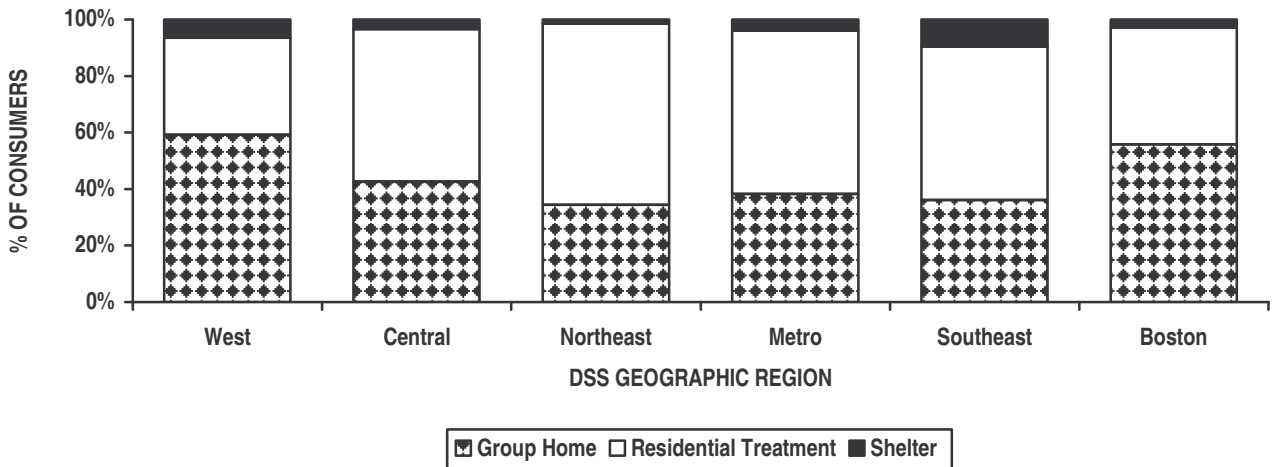
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



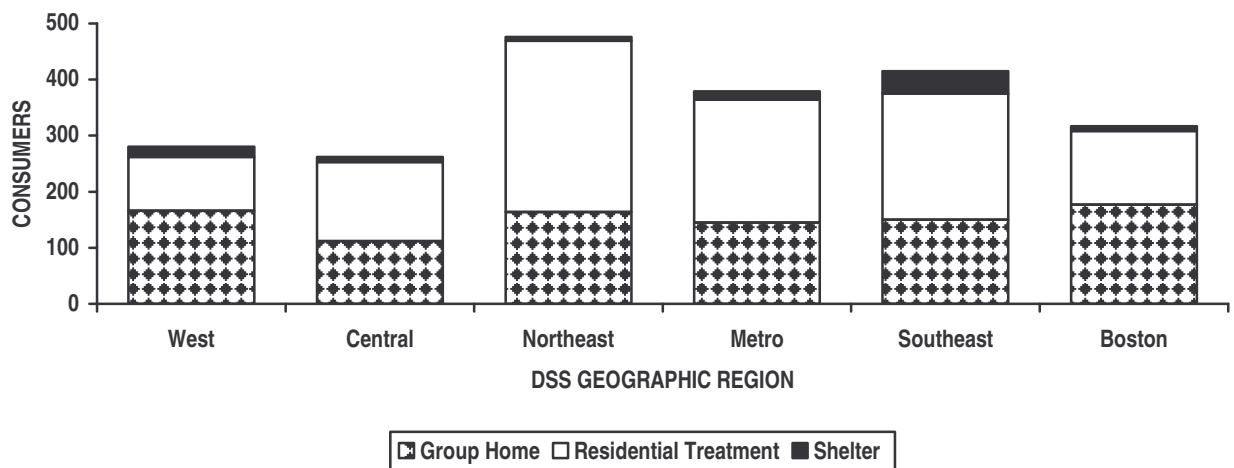
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



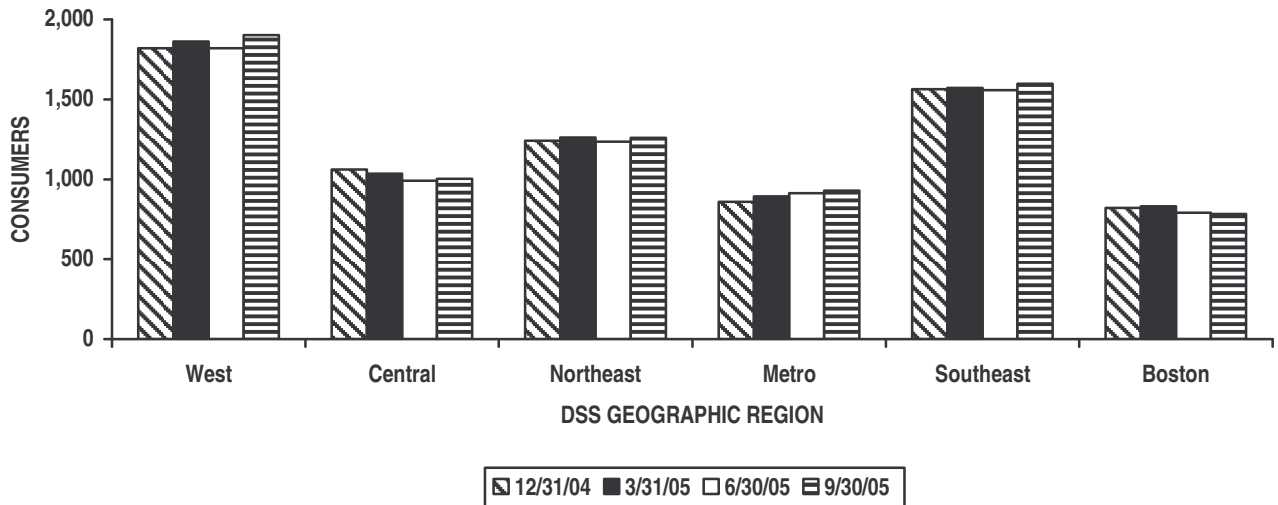
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2005, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2005, End of 2ND QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER)**

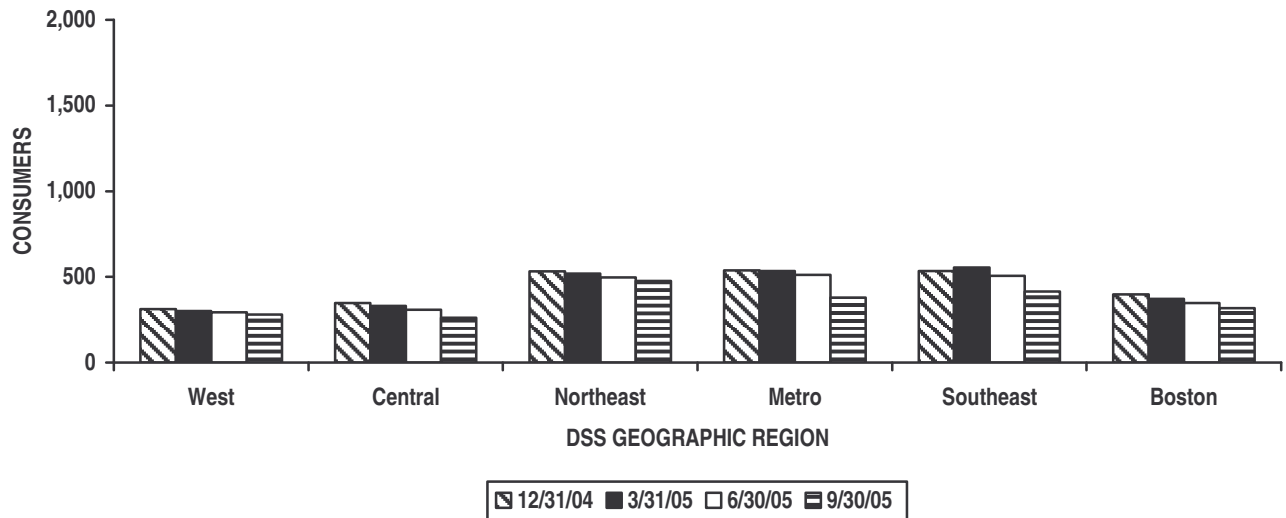


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| Characteristics         | DSS Geographic Region |      |         |      |           |      |       |      |           |      |        |      | Adoption                 |      |                      |      | Total  |      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|--------------------------|------|----------------------|------|--------|------|
|                         | West                  |      | Central |      | Northeast |      | Metro |      | Southeast |      | Boston |      | Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> |      | Other <sup>(2)</sup> |      |        |      |
|                         | No.                   | %    | No.     | %    | No.       | %    | No.   | %    | No.       | %    | No.    | %    | No.                      | %    | No.                  | %    | No.    | %    |
| Sex:                    |                       |      |         |      |           |      |       |      |           |      |        |      |                          |      |                      |      |        |      |
| Female                  | 1,116                 | 48%  | 653     | 50%  | 889       | 48%  | 660   | 48%  | 1,022     | 49%  | 615    | 51%  | 131                      | 50%  | 6                    | 21%  | 5,092  | 49%  |
| Male                    | 1,191                 | 52%  | 661     | 50%  | 944       | 52%  | 706   | 52%  | 1,070     | 51%  | 583    | 49%  | 129                      | 50%  | 22                   | 79%  | 5,306  | 51%  |
| Total                   | 2,307                 | 100% | 1,314   | 100% | 1,833     | 100% | 1,366 | 100% | 2,092     | 100% | 1,198  | 100% | 260                      | 100% | 28                   | 100% | 10,398 | 100% |
| Race:                   |                       |      |         |      |           |      |       |      |           |      |        |      |                          |      |                      |      |        |      |
| White                   | 1,423                 | 62%  | 924     | 70%  | 1,128     | 62%  | 932   | 68%  | 1,410     | 67%  | 279    | 23%  | 132                      | 51%  | ---                  | ---  | 6,228  | 60%  |
| Black                   | 350                   | 15%  | 157     | 12%  | 182       | 10%  | 243   | 18%  | 371       | 18%  | 681    | 57%  | 59                       | 23%  | 24                   | 86%  | 2,067  | 20%  |
| Asian                   | 7                     | *    | 9       | 1%   | 102       | 6%   | 21    | 2%   | 14        | 1%   | 16     | 1%   | 2                        | 1%   | ---                  | ---  | 171    | 2%   |
| Native American         | 7                     | *    | 1       | *    | 6         | *    | 1     | *    | 12        | 1%   | 4      | *    | ---                      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | 31     | *    |
| Other <sup>(3)</sup>    | 3                     | *    | ---     | ---  | ---       | ---  | ---   | ---  | ---       | ---  | 1      | *    | 1                        | *    | ---                  | ---  | 5      | *    |
| Multi-Racial            | 87                    | 4%   | 57      | 4%   | 69        | 4%   | 52    | 4%   | 93        | 4%   | 35     | 3%   | 25                       | 10%  | ---                  | ---  | 418    | 4%   |
| Unspecified             | 430                   | 19%  | 166     | 13%  | 346       | 19%  | 117   | 9%   | 192       | 9%   | 182    | 15%  | 41                       | 16%  | 4                    | 14%  | 1,478  | 14%  |
| Total                   | 2,307                 | 100% | 1,314   | 100% | 1,833     | 100% | 1,366 | 100% | 2,092     | 100% | 1,198  | 100% | 260                      | 100% | 28                   | 100% | 10,398 | 100% |
| Hispanic/Latino Origin: |                       |      |         |      |           |      |       |      |           |      |        |      |                          |      |                      |      |        |      |
| Hispanic/Latino         | 850                   | 37%  | 313     | 24%  | 573       | 31%  | 202   | 15%  | 257       | 12%  | 281    | 23%  | 85                       | 33%  | ---                  | ---  | 2,561  | 25%  |
| Not Hispanic/Latino     | 1,329                 | 58%  | 939     | 71%  | 1,207     | 66%  | 1,105 | 81%  | 1,720     | 82%  | 873    | 73%  | 164                      | 63%  | 26                   | 93%  | 7,363  | 71%  |
| Unspecified             | 128                   | 6%   | 62      | 5%   | 53        | 3%   | 59    | 4%   | 115       | 5%   | 44     | 4%   | 11                       | 4%   | 2                    | 7%   | 474    | 5%   |
| Total                   | 2,307                 | 100% | 1,314   | 100% | 1,833     | 100% | 1,366 | 100% | 2,092     | 100% | 1,198  | 100% | 260                      | 100% | 28                   | 100% | 10,398 | 100% |

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:  
FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| Characteristics                    | DSS Geographic Region |      |         |      |           |      |       |      |           |      |        |      |                          |      | Adoption |      | Total  |      |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|-----------|------|--------|------|--------------------------|------|----------|------|--------|------|
|                                    | West                  |      | Central |      | Northeast |      | Metro |      | Southeast |      | Boston |      | Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> |      |          |      |        |      |
|                                    | No.                   | %    | No.     | %    | No.       | %    | No.   | %    | No.       | %    | No.    | %    | No.                      | %    | No.      | %    | No.    | %    |
| Age:                               |                       |      |         |      |           |      |       |      |           |      |        |      |                          |      |          |      |        |      |
| ( 0 - 2 yrs)                       | 304                   | 13%  | 160     | 12%  | 184       | 10%  | 158   | 12%  | 281       | 13%  | 118    | 10%  | 36                       | 14%  | ---      | ---  | 1,241  | 12%  |
| ( 3 - 5 yrs)                       | 270                   | 12%  | 148     | 11%  | 137       | 7%   | 134   | 10%  | 248       | 12%  | 83     | 7%   | 73                       | 28%  | 1        | 4%   | 1,094  | 11%  |
| ( 6 - 11 yrs)                      | 516                   | 22%  | 296     | 23%  | 354       | 19%  | 250   | 18%  | 419       | 20%  | 179    | 15%  | 107                      | 41%  | 1        | 4%   | 2,122  | 20%  |
| (12 - 17 yrs)                      | 1,016                 | 44%  | 597     | 45%  | 903       | 49%  | 647   | 47%  | 936       | 45%  | 616    | 51%  | 44                       | 17%  | 4        | 14%  | 4,763  | 46%  |
| 18 or older                        | 201                   | 9%   | 113     | 9%   | 255       | 14%  | 177   | 13%  | 208       | 10%  | 202    | 17%  | ---                      | ---  | 22       | 79%  | 1,178  | 11%  |
| Total                              | 2,307                 | 100% | 1,314   | 100% | 1,833     | 100% | 1,366 | 100% | 2,092     | 100% | 1,198  | 100% | 260                      | 100% | 28       | 100% | 10,398 | 100% |
| Service Plan Goals:                |                       |      |         |      |           |      |       |      |           |      |        |      |                          |      |          |      |        |      |
| Reunify Family                     | 624                   | 27%  | 440     | 33%  | 600       | 33%  | 475   | 35%  | 748       | 36%  | 323    | 27%  | ---                      | ---  | ---      | ---  | 3,210  | 31%  |
| Adoption                           | 617                   | 27%  | 359     | 27%  | 387       | 21%  | 266   | 19%  | 472       | 23%  | 245    | 20%  | 254                      | 98%  | ---      | ---  | 2,600  | 25%  |
| Living Independently               | 349                   | 15%  | 165     | 13%  | 365       | 20%  | 268   | 20%  | 350       | 17%  | 319    | 27%  | ---                      | ---  | 25       | 89%  | 1,841  | 18%  |
| Long-Term Substitute Care          | 363                   | 16%  | 174     | 13%  | 302       | 16%  | 166   | 12%  | 240       | 11%  | 130    | 11%  | 1                        | *    | ---      | ---  | 1,376  | 13%  |
| Guardianship                       | 121                   | 5%   | 71      | 5%   | 41        | 2%   | 69    | 5%   | 109       | 5%   | 54     | 5%   | 5                        | 2%   | ---      | ---  | 470    | 5%   |
| Stabilize Intact Family            | 120                   | 5%   | 60      | 5%   | 69        | 4%   | 64    | 5%   | 82        | 4%   | 55     | 5%   | ---                      | ---  | ---      | ---  | 450    | 4%   |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | 58                    | 3%   | 28      | 2%   | 57        | 3%   | 26    | 2%   | 70        | 3%   | 62     | 5%   | ---                      | ---  | ---      | ---  | 301    | 3%   |
| Unspecified                        | 55                    | 2%   | 17      | 1%   | 12        | 1%   | 32    | 2%   | 21        | 1%   | 10     | 1%   | ---                      | ---  | 3        | 11%  | 150    | 1%   |
| Total                              | 2,307                 | 100% | 1,314   | 100% | 1,833     | 100% | 1,366 | 100% | 2,092     | 100% | 1,198  | 100% | 260                      | 100% | 28       | 100% | 10,398 | 100% |
| Continuous Time in Care:           |                       |      |         |      |           |      |       |      |           |      |        |      |                          |      |          |      |        |      |
| (.5 yr or less)                    | 495                   | 21%  | 311     | 24%  | 406       | 22%  | 364   | 27%  | 502       | 24%  | 245    | 20%  | 4                        | 2%   | ---      | ---  | 2,327  | 22%  |
| (> .5 - 1 yr)                      | 350                   | 15%  | 196     | 15%  | 254       | 14%  | 234   | 17%  | 353       | 17%  | 167    | 14%  | 22                       | 8%   | 2        | 7%   | 1,578  | 15%  |
| (> 1 - 1.5 yrs)                    | 266                   | 12%  | 160     | 12%  | 208       | 11%  | 185   | 14%  | 285       | 14%  | 140    | 12%  | 17                       | 7%   | 4        | 14%  | 1,265  | 12%  |
| (> 1.5 - 2 yrs)                    | 204                   | 9%   | 138     | 11%  | 150       | 8%   | 114   | 8%   | 180       | 9%   | 119    | 10%  | 37                       | 14%  | ---      | ---  | 942    | 9%   |
| (> 2 - 4 yrs)                      | 469                   | 20%  | 275     | 21%  | 387       | 21%  | 276   | 20%  | 408       | 20%  | 259    | 22%  | 120                      | 46%  | 4        | 14%  | 2,198  | 21%  |
| > 4 yrs                            | 522                   | 23%  | 234     | 18%  | 428       | 23%  | 193   | 14%  | 364       | 17%  | 268    | 22%  | 60                       | 23%  | 18       | 64%  | 2,087  | 20%  |
| Unspecified                        | 1                     | *    | ---     | ---  | ---       | ---  | ---   | ---  | ---       | ---  | ---    | ---  | ---                      | ---  | ---      | ---  | 1      | *    |
| Total                              | 2,307                 | 100% | 1,314   | 100% | 1,833     | 100% | 1,366 | 100% | 2,092     | 100% | 1,198  | 100% | 260                      | 100% | 28       | 100% | 10,398 | 100% |

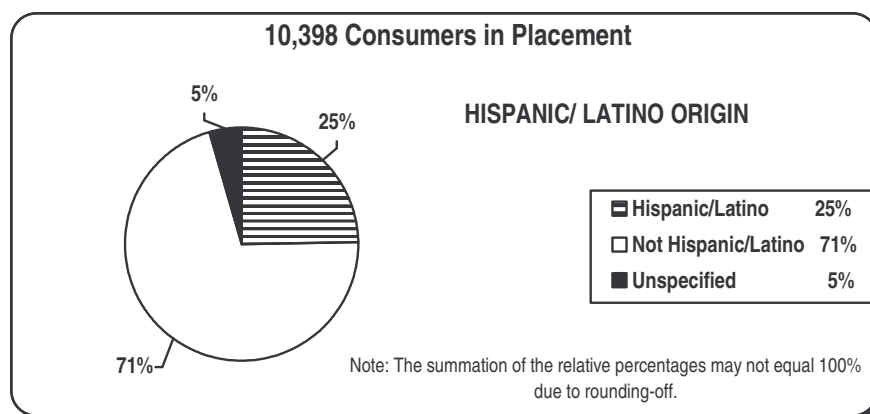
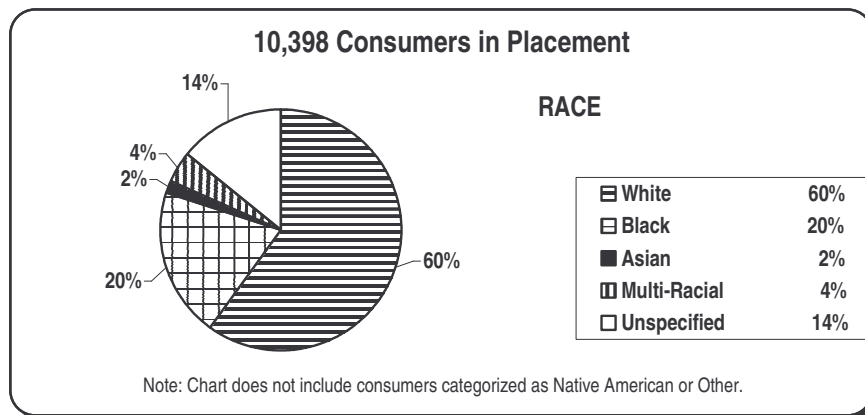
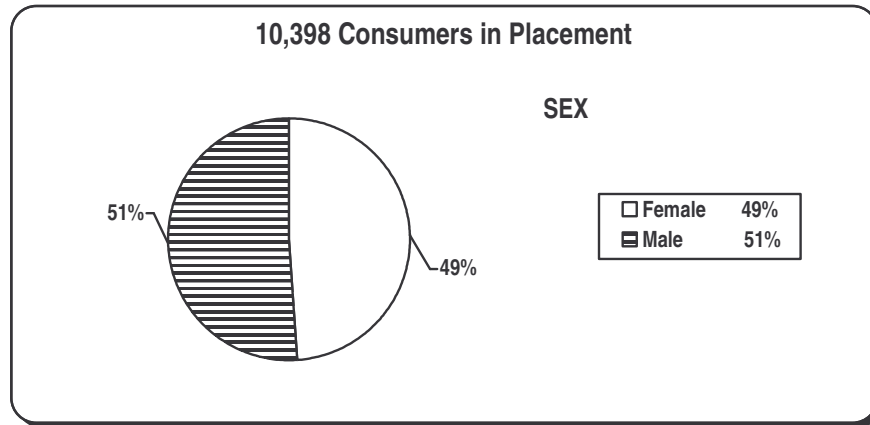
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Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

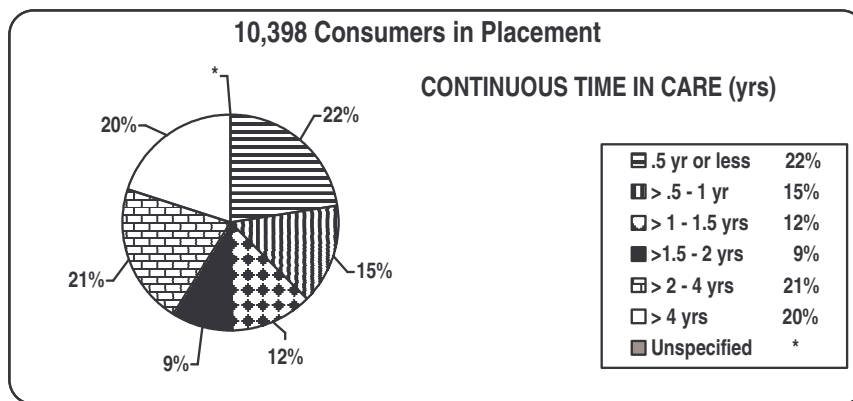
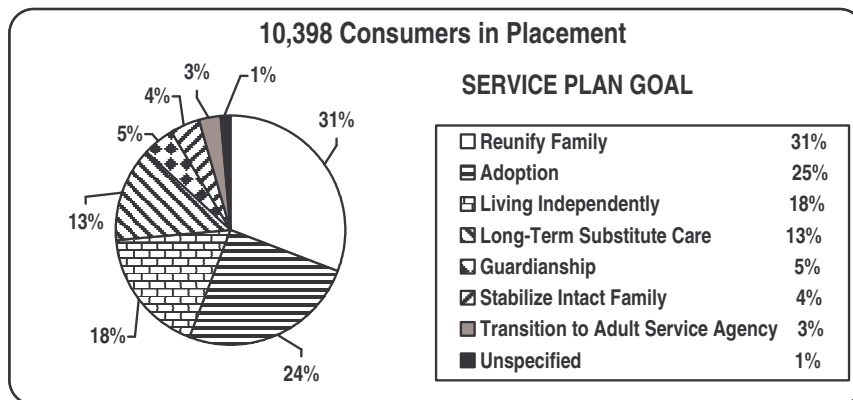
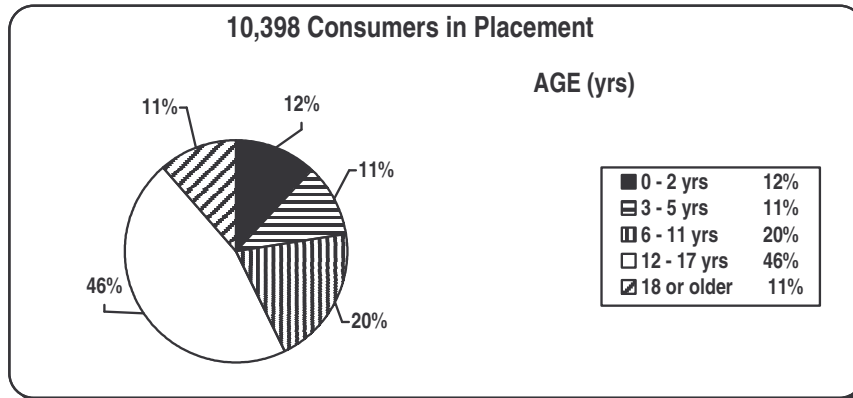
<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN  
STATEWIDE: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,  
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**

| Continuous Time in Care | Race of Consumers |      |       |      |       |      |          |      |                      |      |              |      |             |      | Total  |      |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|----------|------|----------------------|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|--------|------|
|                         | Native            |      |       |      |       |      |          |      |                      |      |              |      |             |      |        |      |
|                         | White             |      | Black |      | Asian |      | American |      | Other <sup>(1)</sup> |      | Multi-Racial |      | Unspecified |      |        |      |
|                         | No.               | %    | No.   | %    | No.   | %    | No.      | %    | No.                  | %    | No.          | %    | No.         | %    | No.    | %    |
| (.5 yr or less)         | 1,416             | 23%  | 435   | 21%  | 39    | 23%  | 3        | 10%  | 1                    | 20%  | 96           | 23%  | 337         | 23%  | 2,327  | 22%  |
| (>.5 - 1 yr)            | 974               | 16%  | 289   | 14%  | 17    | 10%  | 7        | 23%  | ---                  | ---  | 70           | 17%  | 221         | 15%  | 1,578  | 15%  |
| (>1 - 1.5 yrs)          | 806               | 13%  | 208   | 10%  | 25    | 15%  | 6        | 19%  | ---                  | ---  | 56           | 13%  | 164         | 11%  | 1,265  | 12%  |
| (>1.5 - 2 yrs)          | 554               | 9%   | 181   | 9%   | 10    | 6%   | 6        | 19%  | 1                    | 20%  | 36           | 9%   | 154         | 10%  | 942    | 9%   |
| (>2 - 4 yrs)            | 1,298             | 21%  | 445   | 22%  | 35    | 20%  | 5        | 16%  | 1                    | 20%  | 97           | 23%  | 317         | 21%  | 2,198  | 21%  |
| > 4yrs                  | 1,179             | 19%  | 509   | 25%  | 45    | 26%  | 4        | 13%  | 2                    | 40%  | 63           | 15%  | 285         | 19%  | 2,087  | 20%  |
| Unspecified             | 1                 | *    | ---   | ---  | ---   | ---  | ---      | ---  | ---                  | ---  | ---          | ---  | ---         | ---  | 1      | *    |
| Total                   | 6,228             | 100% | 2,067 | 100% | 171   | 100% | 31       | 100% | 5                    | 100% | 418          | 100% | 1,478       | 100% | 10,398 | 100% |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**

| Continuous Time in Care | Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers |      |               |      |             |      | Total  |      |
|-------------------------|--|------|---------------|------|-------------|------|--------|------|
|                         | Hispanic/  |      | Not Hispanic/ |      | Unspecified |      |        |      |
|                         | No.  | %    | No.           | %    | No.         | %    | No.    | %    |
| (.5 yr or less)         | 540  | 21%  | 1,653         | 22%  | 134         | 28%  | 2,327  | 22%  |
| (>.5 - 1 yr)            | 372  | 15%  | 1,109         | 15%  | 97          | 20%  | 1,578  | 15%  |
| (>1 - 1.5 yrs)          | 272  | 11%  | 936           | 13%  | 57          | 12%  | 1,265  | 12%  |
| (>1.5 - 2 yrs)          | 271  | 11%  | 644           | 9%   | 27          | 6%   | 942    | 9%   |
| (>2 - 4 yrs)            | 540  | 21%  | 1,582         | 21%  | 76          | 16%  | 2,198  | 21%  |
| > 4yrs                  | 566  | 22%  | 1,438         | 20%  | 83          | 18%  | 2,087  | 20%  |
| Unspecified             | ---  | ---  | 1             | *    | ---         | ---  | 1      | *    |
| Total                   | 2,561  | 100% | 7,363         | 100% | 474         | 100% | 10,398 | 100% |

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.



TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| Service Plan Goal                  | Race of Consumers |     |       |     |       |    |          |     |                      |     |              |    |             |     | Total  |      |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------|----|-------------|-----|--------|------|
|                                    | Native            |     |       |     |       |    |          |     |                      |     |              |    |             |     |        |      |
|                                    | White             |     | Black |     | Asian |    | American |     | Other <sup>(1)</sup> |     | Multi-Racial |    | Unspecified |     |        |      |
|                                    | No.               | %   | No.   | %   | No.   | %  | No.      | %   | No.                  | %   | No.          | %  | No.         | %   |        |      |
| Reunify Family                     | 1,969             | 61% | 572   | 18% | 55    | 2% | 15       | *   | ---                  | --- | 146          | 5% | 453         | 14% | 3,210  | 100% |
| Adoption                           | 1,571             | 60% | 437   | 17% | 25    | 1% | 8        | *   | 2                    | *   | 148          | 6% | 409         | 16% | 2,600  | 100% |
| Living Independently               | 1,059             | 58% | 490   | 27% | 44    | 2% | 3        | *   | 2                    | *   | 39           | 2% | 204         | 11% | 1,841  | 100% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care          | 806               | 59% | 280   | 20% | 24    | 2% | 3        | *   | ---                  | --- | 45           | 3% | 218         | 16% | 1,376  | 100% |
| Guardianship                       | 266               | 57% | 109   | 23% | 8     | 2% | 1        | *   | ---                  | --- | 18           | 4% | 68          | 14% | 470    | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family            | 281               | 62% | 81    | 18% | 8     | 2% | 1        | *   | 1                    | *   | 13           | 3% | 65          | 14% | 450    | 100% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | 196               | 65% | 70    | 23% | 3     | 1% | ---      | --- | ---                  | --- | 4            | 1% | 28          | 9%  | 301    | 100% |
| Unspecified                        | 80                | 53% | 28    | 19% | 4     | 3% | ---      | --- | ---                  | --- | 5            | 3% | 33          | 22% | 150    | 100% |
| Total                              | 6,228             | 60% | 2,067 | 20% | 171   | 2% | 31       | *   | 5                    | *   | 418          | 4% | 1,478       | 14% | 10,398 | 100% |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| Service Plan Goal                  | Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers |     |               |     |             |     | Total  |      |
|------------------------------------|--|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------|------|
|                                    | Hispanic/  |     | Not Hispanic/ |     | Unspecified |     |        |      |
|                                    | Latino   |     | Latino        |     | No.         | %   | No.    | %    |
|                                    | No.  | %   | No.           | %   | No.         | %   | No.    | %    |
| Reunify Family                     | 763  | 24% | 2,298         | 72% | 149         | 5%  | 3,210  | 100% |
| Adoption                           | 718  | 28% | 1,741         | 67% | 141         | 5%  | 2,600  | 100% |
| Living Independently               | 374  | 20% | 1,402         | 76% | 65          | 4%  | 1,841  | 100% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care          | 396  | 29% | 929           | 68% | 51          | 4%  | 1,376  | 100% |
| Guardianship                       | 88   | 19% | 360           | 77% | 22          | 5%  | 470    | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family            | 121  | 27% | 302           | 67% | 27          | 6%  | 450    | 100% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | 61   | 20% | 237           | 79% | 3           | 1%  | 301    | 100% |
| Unspecified                        | 40   | 27% | 94            | 63% | 16          | 11% | 150    | 100% |
| Total                              | 2,561  | 25% | 7,363         | 71% | 474         | 5%  | 10,398 | 100% |

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

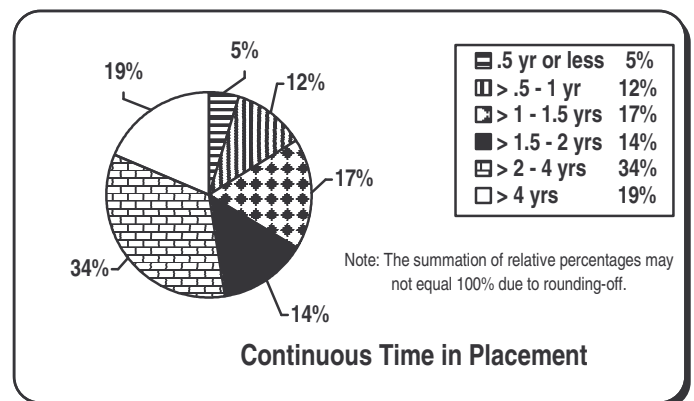
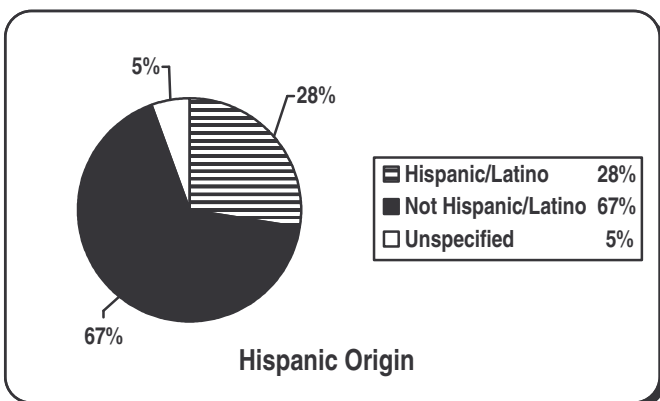
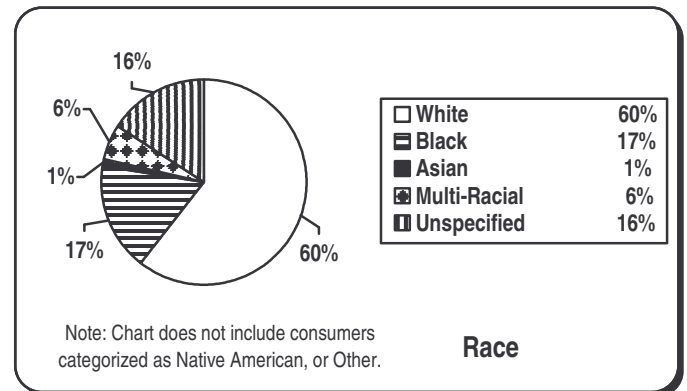
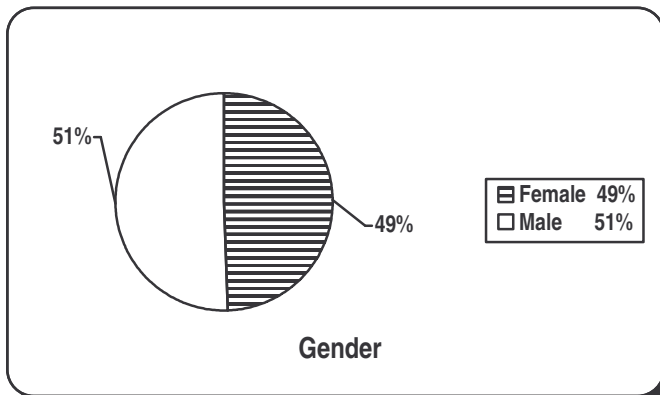
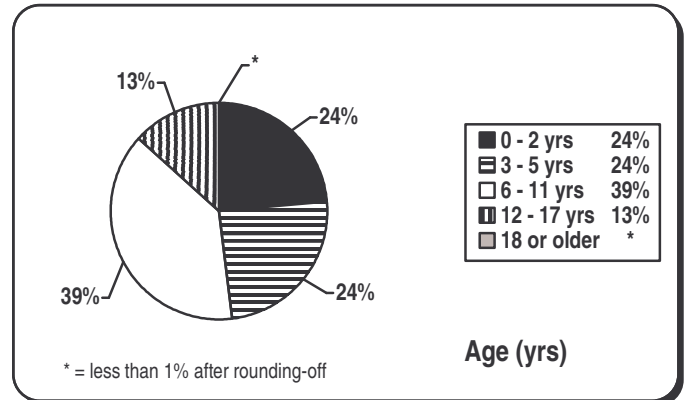
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| Service Plan Goal                  | Age Group of Consumers |     |             |     |              |     |               |     |             |     | Total  |      |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------|------|
|                                    | (0 - 2 yrs)            |     | (3 - 5 yrs) |     | (6 - 11 yrs) |     | (12 - 17 yrs) |     | 18 or older |     |        |      |
|                                    | No.                    | %   | No.         | %   | No.          | %   | No.           | %   | No.         | %   | No.    | %    |
| Reunify Family                     | 507                    | 16% | 375         | 12% | 719          | 22% | 1,594         | 50% | 15          | *   | 3,210  | 100% |
| Adoption                           | 614                    | 24% | 635         | 24% | 1,003        | 39% | 345           | 13% | 3           | *   | 2,600  | 100% |
| Living Independently               | ---                    | --- | ---         | --- | ---          | --- | 929           | 50% | 912         | 50% | 1,841  | 100% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care          | 3                      | *   | 3           | *   | 149          | 11% | 1,173         | 85% | 48          | 3%  | 1,376  | 100% |
| Guardianship                       | 9                      | 2%  | 23          | 5%  | 146          | 31% | 286           | 61% | 6           | 1%  | 470    | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family            | 53                     | 12% | 45          | 10% | 79           | 18% | 260           | 58% | 13          | 3%  | 450    | 100% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | ---                    | --- | ---         | --- | 10           | 3%  | 113           | 38% | 178         | 59% | 301    | 100% |
| Unspecified                        | 55                     | 37% | 13          | 9%  | 16           | 11% | 63            | 42% | 3           | 2%  | 150    | 100% |
| Total                              | 1,241                  | 12% | 1,094       | 11% | 2,122        | 20% | 4,763         | 46% | 1,178       | 11% | 10,398 | 100% |

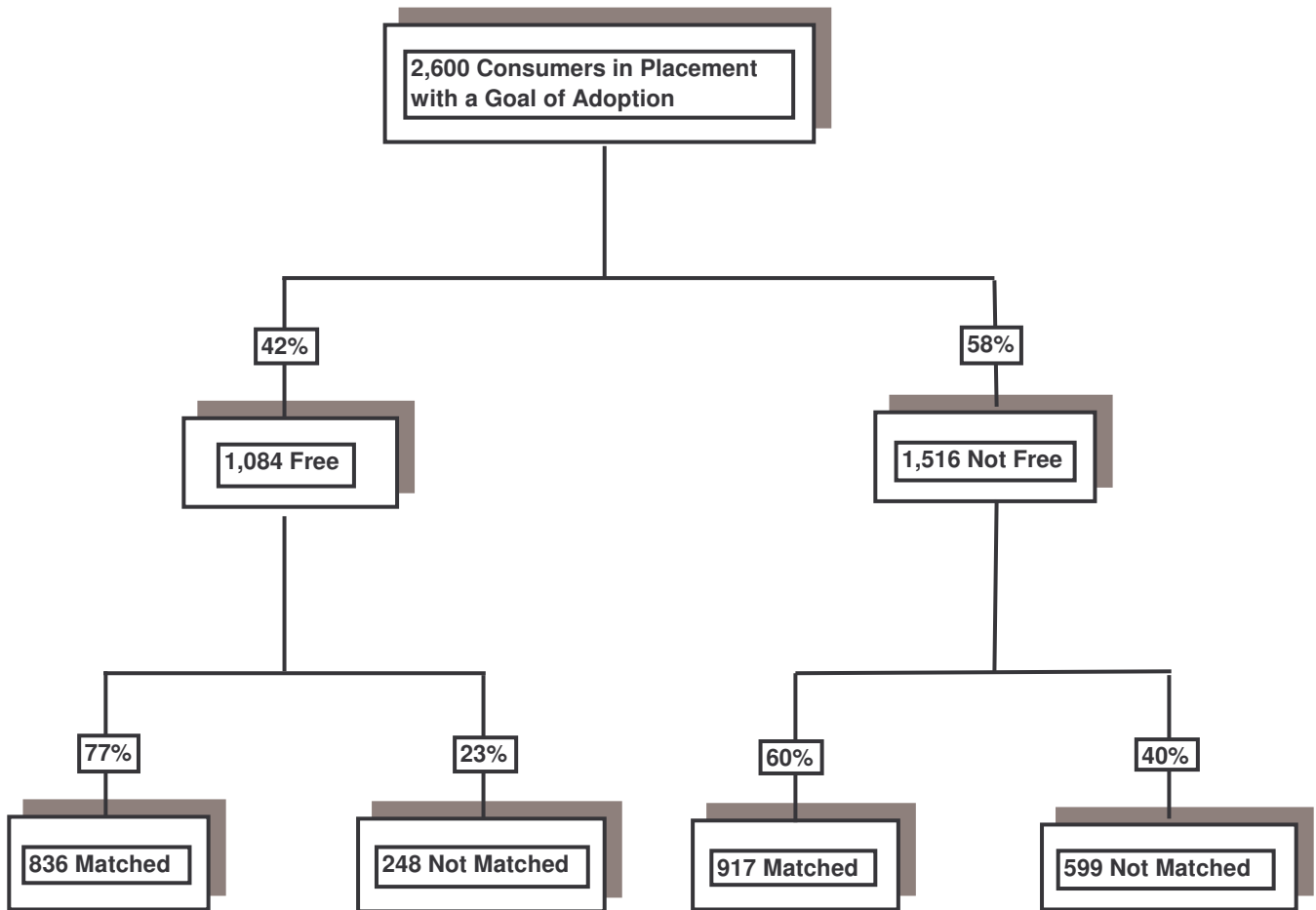
TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)

| Service Plan Goal                  | Continuous Time in Placement |     |               |     |                |     |                |     |              |     |         |     |             |     | Total  |      |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|---------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------|-----|-------------|-----|--------|------|
|                                    | (.5yr or less)               |     | (> .5 - 1 yr) |     | (>1 - 1.5 yrs) |     | (>1.5 - 2 yrs) |     | (>2 - 4 yrs) |     | > 4 yrs |     | Unspecified |     |        |      |
|                                    | No.                          | %   | No.           | %   | No.            | %   | No.            | %   | No.          | %   | No.     | %   | No.         | %   | No.    | %    |
| Reunify Family                     | 1,476                        | 46% | 908           | 28% | 426            | 13% | 201            | 6%  | 161          | 5%  | 37      | 1%  | 1           | *   | 3,210  | 100% |
| Adoption                           | 122                          | 5%  | 299           | 12% | 452            | 17% | 364            | 14% | 876          | 34% | 487     | 19% | ---         | --- | 2,600  | 100% |
| Living Independently               | 103                          | 6%  | 140           | 8%  | 162            | 9%  | 157            | 9%  | 543          | 29% | 736     | 40% | ---         | --- | 1,841  | 100% |
| Long-Term Substitute Care          | 89                           | 6%  | 108           | 8%  | 92             | 7%  | 133            | 10% | 414          | 30% | 540     | 39% | ---         | --- | 1,376  | 100% |
| Guardianship                       | 27                           | 6%  | 52            | 11% | 93             | 20% | 68             | 14% | 140          | 30% | 90      | 19% | ---         | --- | 470    | 100% |
| Stabilize Intact Family            | 345                          | 77% | 52            | 12% | 20             | 4%  | 10             | 2%  | 12           | 3%  | 11      | 2%  | ---         | --- | 450    | 100% |
| Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen. | 19                           | 6%  | 18            | 6%  | 17             | 6%  | 9              | 3%  | 52           | 17% | 186     | 62% | ---         | --- | 301    | 100% |
| Unspecified                        | 146                          | 97% | 1             | 1%  | 3              | 2%  | ---            | --- | ---          | --- | ---     | --- | ---         | --- | 150    | 100% |
| Total                              | 2,327                        | 22% | 1,578         | 15% | 1,265          | 12% | 942            | 9%  | 2,198        | 21% | 2,087   | 20% | 1           | *   | 10,398 | 100% |

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption  
FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



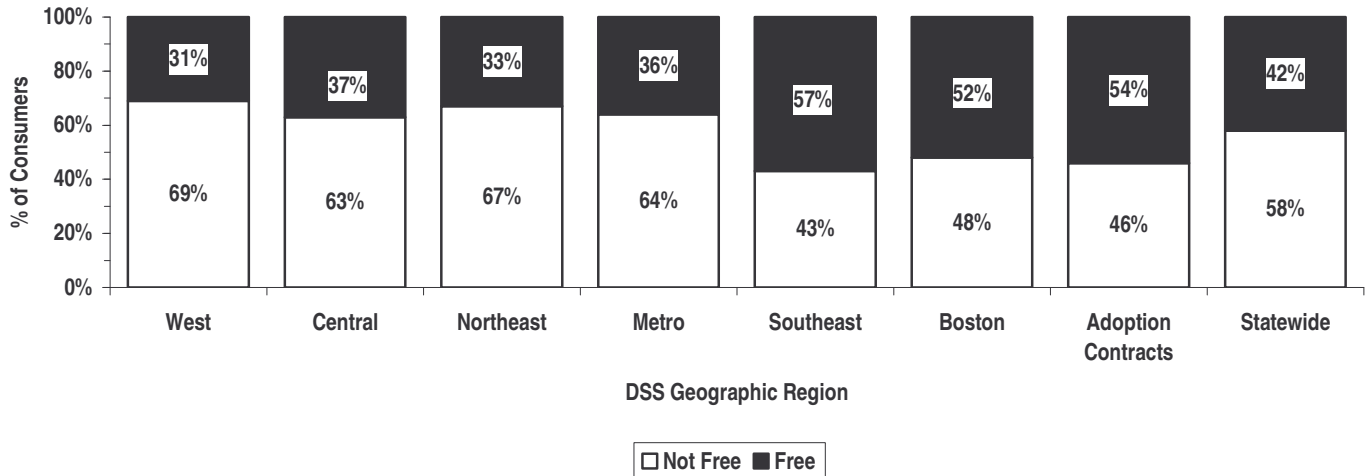
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:  
Legal Status and Match Status  
FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



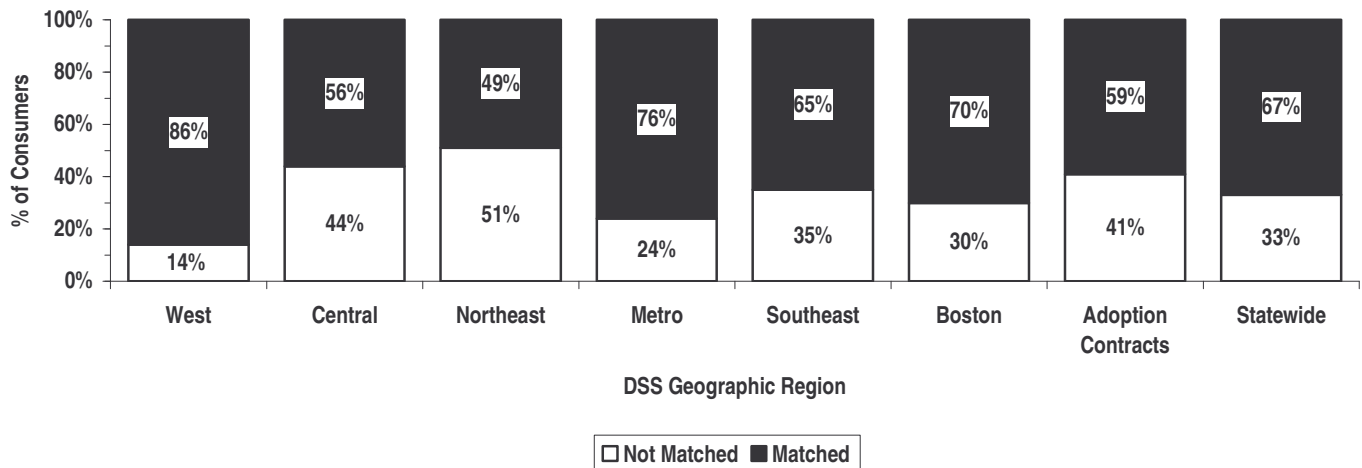
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status  
FY'06, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption  
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family  
FY'06, End of 12ST QUARTER (9/30/05)**



### Case Intakes (Openings)

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, there were 3,189 case openings (unduplicated) and 13,403 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Eighty-three percent of case intakes and 87% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- CHINS referrals amounted to 6% of case intakes and 5% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 82-84% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston and Western Regions had the largest proportions of CHINS referrals (8% for each region). Voluntary requests were most significant (12%) in the Metro Region. **(Fig. 13, Table 9A)**
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 19 (Metro) to 44 (West) cases. Voluntary requests were highest in Metro. Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast and West. The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 (See Table 14 on page 48). **(Table 9A)**
- Statewide and regionally, case openings are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. **(Fig. 14)**. This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year **(Figs. 20 and 21 on page 50)**.

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**

| DSS<br>Geographic<br>Region       | Case Counts <sup>(1)</sup> |     |       |     |                                       |     |                      |     |             |     | Total<br>No. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-------|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------------|
|                                   | Supported                  |     | CHINS |     | Voluntary<br>Requests<br>for Services |     | Other <sup>(2)</sup> |     | Unspecified |     |              |
|                                   |                            |     |       |     |                                       |     |                      |     |             |     |              |
|                                   | No.                        | %   | No.   | %   | No.                                   | %   | No.                  | %   | No.         | %   |              |
| Western                           | 482                        | 84% | 44    | 8%  | 31                                    | 5%  | 13                   | 2%  | 1           | *   | 571          |
| Central                           | 390                        | 82% | 34    | 7%  | 40                                    | 8%  | 10                   | 2%  | ---         | --- | 474          |
| Northeast                         | 428                        | 82% | 39    | 7%  | 40                                    | 8%  | 15                   | 3%  | 1           | *   | 523          |
| Metro                             | 415                        | 83% | 19    | 4%  | 59                                    | 12% | 9                    | 2%  | ---         | --- | 502          |
| Southeast                         | 623                        | 84% | 31    | 4%  | 53                                    | 7%  | 31                   | 4%  | 1           | *   | 739          |
| Boston                            | 327                        | 82% | 32    | 8%  | 31                                    | 8%  | 8                    | 2%  | ---         | --- | 398          |
| Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup> | 1                          | 50% | ---   | --- | 1                                     | *   | ---                  | --- | ---         | --- | 2            |
| Total                             | 2,666                      | 83% | 199   | 6%  | 255                                   | 8%  | 86                   | 3%  | 3           | *   | 3,209        |

<sup>(1)</sup> Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is 3,189.

<sup>(2)</sup> Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION: FY'06, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**

| DSS<br>Geographic<br>Region       | Consumer Counts <sup>(1)</sup> |     |                    |     |                                       |    |                      |     |             |     | Total<br>No. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|----|----------------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------------|
|                                   | Supported<br>CA/N Reports      |     | CHINS<br>Referrals |     | Voluntary<br>Requests<br>for Services |    | Other <sup>(2)</sup> |     | Unspecified |     |              |
|                                   |                                |     |                    |     |                                       |    |                      |     |             |     |              |
|                                   | No.                            | %   | No.                | %   | No.                                   | %  | No.                  | %   | No.         | %   |              |
| Western                           | 2,258                          | 91% | 120                | 5%  | 73                                    | 3% | 39                   | 2%  | 3           | *   | 2,493        |
| Central                           | 1,772                          | 85% | 127                | 6%  | 153                                   | 7% | 33                   | 2%  | ---         | --- | 2,085        |
| Northeast                         | 1,906                          | 85% | 143                | 6%  | 130                                   | 6% | 53                   | 2%  | 1           | *   | 2,233        |
| Metro                             | 1,702                          | 86% | 77                 | 4%  | 185                                   | 9% | 24                   | 1%  | ---         | --- | 1,988        |
| Southeast                         | 2,651                          | 86% | 98                 | 3%  | 193                                   | 6% | 121                  | 4%  | 2           | *   | 3,065        |
| Boston                            | 1,431                          | 86% | 95                 | 6%  | 105                                   | 6% | 31                   | 2%  | ---         | --- | 1,662        |
| Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup> | 1                              | 50% | ---                | --- | 1                                     | *  | ---                  | --- | ---         | --- | 2            |
| Total                             | 11,721                         | 87% | 660                | 5%  | 840                                   | 6% | 301                  | 2%  | 6           | *   | 13,528       |

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

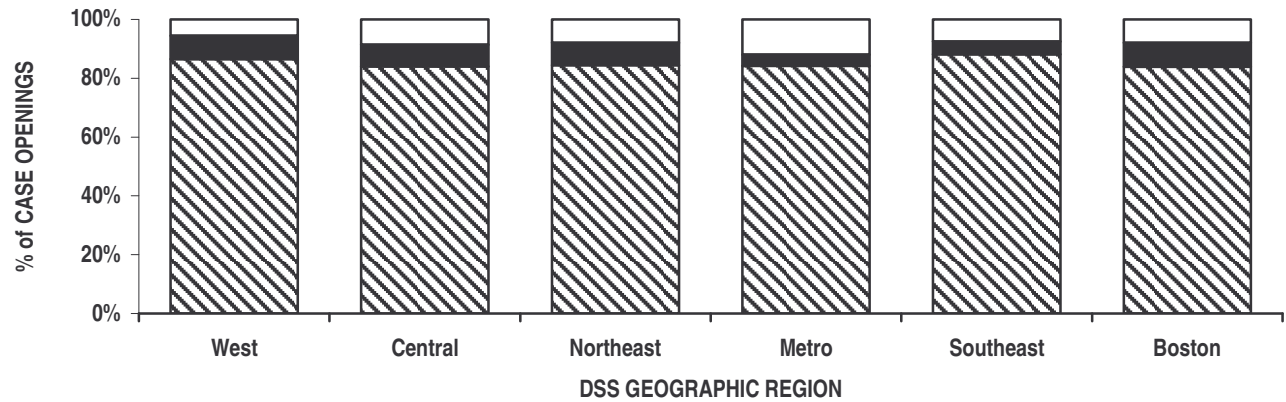
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is 13,403.

<sup>(2)</sup> Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

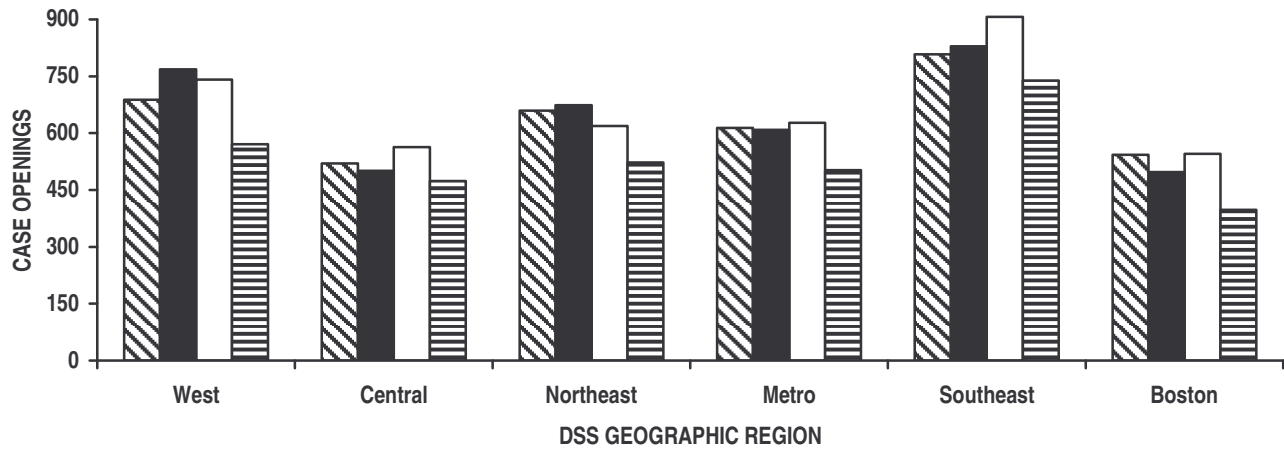
**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION  
FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**



Note: Chart does not include intakes categorized as Other and Unspecified.

Supported CA/N Reports CHINS Referrals Voluntary Request

**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER)**



10/1/04 - 12/31/04 1/1/05 - 3/31/05 4/1/05 - 6/30/05 7/1/05 - 9/30/05



### **Consumers with Placements Starting or Ending during the Quarter**

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, 4,850 consumers started at least one placement and 2,445 consumers left at least one placement.<sup>10</sup> These counts of placement dynamics are not the same as consumer entries and exits to placement since they include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. **(Tables 10 and 11)**
- Consumers with a new service referral for placement increased 28% from the previous quarter. This rise can be attributed to a 46% increase in re-entrants to placement. Re-entrants to residential care increased 116% and re-entrants to foster care increased 22%. These changes are related to the ending of the Commonworks residential care program during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Evidently, new placement referrals were made for the children who had been in the Commonworks program. This changing of placements resulted in the large increase in re-entrants, especially those being moved to other residential care programs. **(Table 10)**
- From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2005 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, there was a 29% increase in consumers with a service referral for placement that ended. As with consumers starting a new referral, this rise can be attributed to the ending of the Commonworks program during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. The movement of consumers from Commonworks to other placement programs is reflected in the reasons for ending placement. There was a 121% increase in consumers with a "New or Other Service Referral for Placement" and a 62% decrease in consumers with a "New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement" **(Table 11)**. Commonworks was responsible for most of the sub-contract referrals so one would expect the drop in sub-contract referrals. One would also expect the rise in new/other service referrals as Commonworks children changed placement programs.
- Of those consumers who started a placement setting during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, 23% were first-time entrants and 77% were re-entrants.<sup>11</sup> The re-entrant total includes consumers going from a home to a placement location and consumers changing placements.<sup>12</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 17% in Boston to 30% in the West. **(Table 10, Fig. 15)**
- The largest influx to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (20% of statewide entrants) and Southeast (20% of statewide entrants). **(Table 10)**

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<sup>10</sup> For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and exit were selected.

<sup>11</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>12</sup> Changing providers.

- Across the state, 57% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 37% were placed in residential care, and 6% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>13</sup> **(Table 10)**
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-seven percent of first-time entrants and 51% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 42% of re-entrants and 19% of first-time entrants were placed in residential care. **(Table 10)**
- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a much higher proportion of both first-time entrants (28%) and re-entrants (61%) into residential care. **(Table 10, Fig. 16)**
- Metro and Boston were the only regions where the number of re-entrants going into residential care (313 and 196, respectively) was greater than the number of re-entrants going into foster care (178 and 190, respectively). Statewide, 1,582 re-entrants were placed in residential care and 1,913 re-entrants were placed in foster care. **(Table 10)**
- Statewide, 26% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 24% in the West to 32% in both the Northeast and Central. **(Table 11)**
- Excluding consumers changing placements from the list of consumers with placements ending during the quarter, leaves 953 consumers who actually left placement. Sixty-seven percent of the 953 consumers leaving placement were returned home. **(Table 11)**

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<sup>13</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS STARTING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)

| DSS Geographic Region |                                      |      |         |           |       |           |        |                                   |                      |       |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Entry Type            | Placement Location Started           | West | Central | Northeast | Metro | Southeast | Boston | Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> | Other <sup>(2)</sup> | Total |
| First-Time Entrants:  |                                      | 289  | 136     | 202       | 160   | 235       | 89     | ---                               | 12                   | 1,123 |
|                       | Foster Care                          | 251  | 104     | 152       | 102   | 184       | 67     | ---                               | 6                    | 866   |
|                       | Residential                          | 30   | 28      | 44        | 44    | 44        | 14     | ---                               | 6                    | 210   |
|                       | Non-Referral Location <sup>(3)</sup> | 8    | 4       | 6         | 14    | 7         | 8      | ---                               | ---                  | 47    |
| Re-Entrants:          |                                      | 681  | 383     | 617       | 516   | 712       | 432    | 27                                | 359                  | 3,727 |
|                       | Foster Care                          | 450  | 236     | 293       | 178   | 388       | 190    | 22                                | 156                  | 1,913 |
|                       | Residential                          | 183  | 125     | 289       | 313   | 294       | 196    | 4                                 | 178                  | 1,582 |
|                       | Non-Referral Location <sup>(3)</sup> | 48   | 22      | 35        | 25    | 30        | 46     | 1                                 | 25                   | 232   |
| Total                 |                                      | 970  | 519     | 819       | 676   | 947       | 521    | 27                                | 371                  | 4,850 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

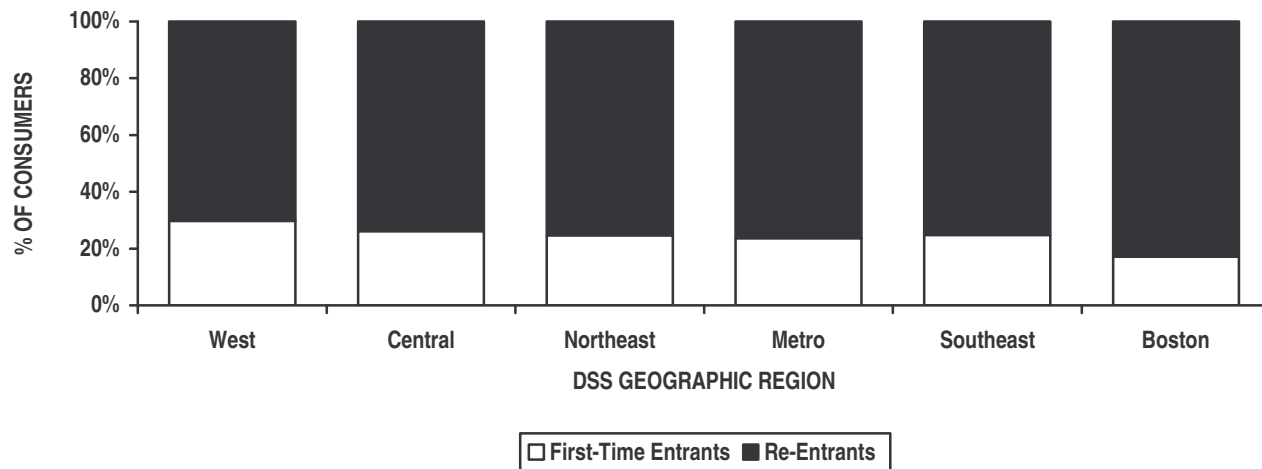
TABLE 11. CONSUMERS ENDING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)

| Reason Placement Ended                      | DSS Geographic Region |            |            |            |            |            | Adoption                 |                      | Total        |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|   | West                  | Central    | Northeast  | Metro      | Southeast  | Boston     | Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> | Other <sup>(2)</sup> |              |
| Child Returned Home                         | 103                   | 82         | 129        | 106        | 109        | 86         | ---                      | 23                   | 638          |
| New or Other Service Referral for Placement | 211                   | 114        | 193        | 203        | 243        | 150        | 3                        | 143                  | 1,260        |
| New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement     | 16                    | 10         | 12         | 3          | 11         | 11         | 1                        | 10                   | 74           |
| Placement in Non-Referral Location          | 32                    | 15         | 24         | 20         | 28         | 25         | ---                      | 14                   | 158          |
| Child on the Run                            | 19                    | 4          | 12         | 11         | 9          | 18         | 2                        | 5                    | 80           |
| Child 18 or Older                           | 13                    | 10         | 13         | 9          | 9          | 5          | ---                      | 4                    | 63           |
| Consumer Adopted                            | 12                    | 15         | 4          | 8          | 12         | 9          | 3                        | 4                    | 67           |
| Custody to Other Individual                 | 13                    | 4          | 11         | 8          | 4          | 9          | ---                      | 2                    | 51           |
| Guardianship                                | 1                     | 1          | ---        | ---        | 1          | ---        | ---                      | 46                   | 49           |
| Custody to Other Agency                     | 2                     | 2          | ---        | 1          | ---        | ---        | ---                      | ---                  | 5            |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>422</b>            | <b>257</b> | <b>398</b> | <b>369</b> | <b>426</b> | <b>313</b> | <b>9</b>                 | <b>251</b>           | <b>2,445</b> |

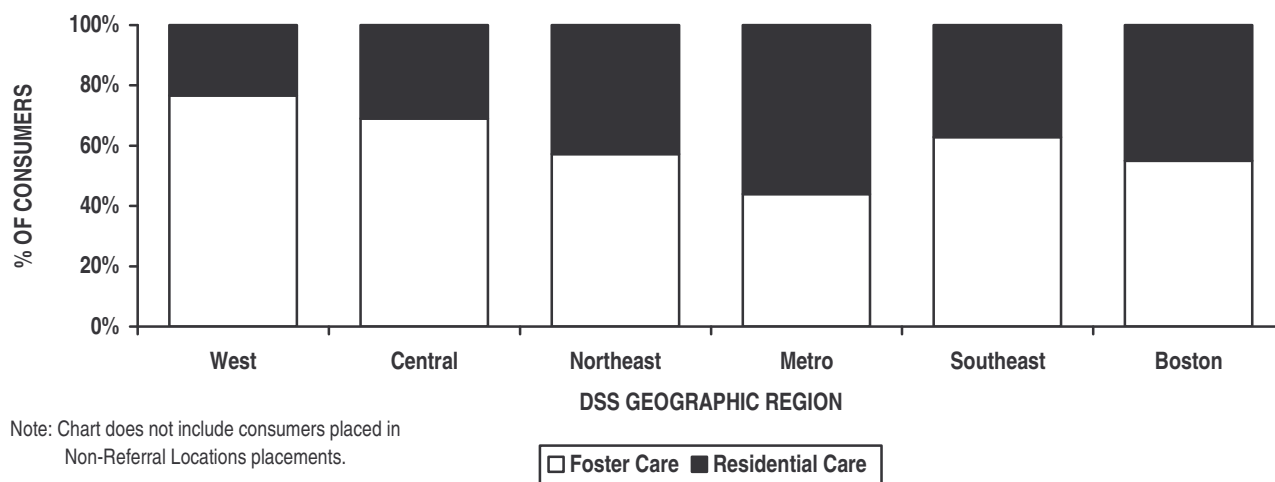
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<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS WITH PLACEMENTS STARTING  
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)  
FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**

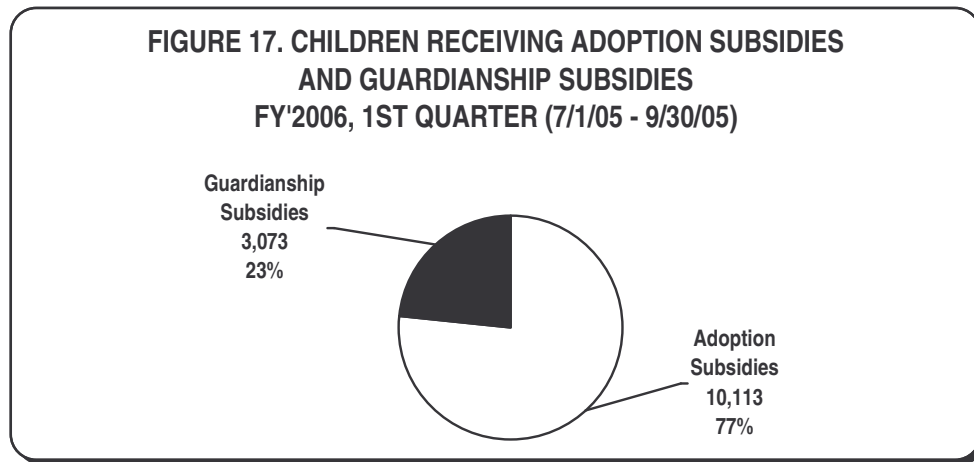


**FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS  
STARTING DURING THE QUARTER  
FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**



## Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,113. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,073. (**Fig. 17**)



From the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2005 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, adoption and guardianship subsidies both decreased less than 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3%. The decline in subsidies from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2003 is deceptive. It resulted from a mass cleanup of cases rather than a true reduction. (See table below)

|                          | Subsidies (Active Service Referrals) |                  |              |                  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                          | Adoption                             |                  | Guardianship |                  |
| <i>Quarter</i>           | No.                                  | Quarterly Change | No.          | Quarterly Change |
| FY'2002: 1 <sup>st</sup> | 9,240                                | 1%               | 2,789        | 1%               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | 9,361                                | 1%               | 2,809        | 1%               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>          | 9,482                                | 1%               | 2,863        | 2%               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>          | 9,576                                | 1%               | 2,944        | 3%               |
| FY'2003 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9,696                                | 1%               | 2,921        | -1%              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | 9,240                                | -5%              | 2,738        | -6%              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>          | 9,328                                | 1%               | 2,779        | 1%               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>          | 9,470                                | 2%               | 2,838        | 2%               |
| FY'2004 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9,605                                | 1%               | 2,839        | *                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | 9,616                                | *                | 2,866        | 1%               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>          | 9,712                                | 1%               | 2,944        | 3%               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>          | 9,859                                | 2%               | 2,996        | 2%               |
| FY'2005 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9,954                                | 1%               | 3,002        | *                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | 10,081                               | 1%               | 3,081        | 3%               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>          | 10,002                               | -1%              | 3,050        | -1%              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>          | 10,146                               | 1%               | 3,083        | 1%               |
| FY'2006 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 10,113                               | *                | 3,073        | *                |

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

### Foster Homes<sup>1</sup>

- At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, there were 4,628 foster homes. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>2</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>3</sup> Unrestricted foster homes accounted for 47% (2,196) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 53% (2,432). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998 to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 53%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 79% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 60% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 75% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (605) of all foster homes were identified as Black (328 restricted and 277 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Fifteen percent (693) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (352 restricted and 341 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

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<sup>1</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>2</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>3</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

**RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES\***  
 End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 1st Quarter of FY'2006 (9/30/05)

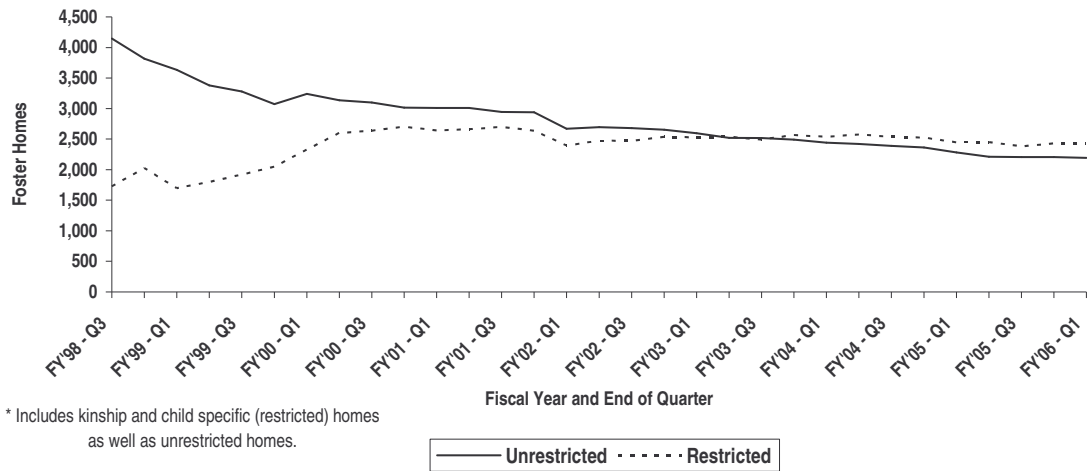


TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05) <sup>(1)</sup>

| Provider<br>Status   | DSS Geographic Region |     |         |     |           |     |       |     |           |     |        |     | Adoption<br>Contracts <sup>(2)</sup> |     | Total |     |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
|                      | West                  |     | Central |     | Northeast |     | Metro |     | Southeast |     | Boston |     |                                      |     |       |     |
|                      | No.                   | %   | No.     | %   | No.       | %   | No.   | %   | No.       | %   | No.    | %   | No.                                  | %   | No.   | %   |
| Restricted:          | 461                   |     | 339     |     | 405       |     | 333   |     | 620       |     | 241    |     | 33                                   |     | 2,432 |     |
| White                | 370                   | 80% | 270     | 80% | 307       | 76% | 272   | 82% | 501       | 81% | 93     | 39% | 21                                   | 64% | 1,834 | 75% |
| Black                | 58                    | 13% | 26      | 8%  | 19        | 5%  | 28    | 8%  | 70        | 11% | 119    | 49% | 8                                    | 24% | 328   | 13% |
| Asian                | ---                   | --- | 4       | 1%  | 17        | 4%  | 1     | *   | 2         | *   | 2      | 1%  | ---                                  | --- | 26    | 1%  |
| Native American      | ---                   | --- | 1       | *   | 1         | *   | ---   | --- | 7         | 1%  | ---    | --- | 1                                    | 3%  | 10    | *   |
| Other <sup>(3)</sup> | 1                     | *   | ---     | --- | 1         | *   | ---   | --- | ---       | --- | 1      | *   | ---                                  | --- | 3     | *   |
| Multi-Racial         | 7                     | 2%  | 1       | *   | 4         | 1%  | 1     | *   | 2         | *   | 2      | 1%  | 1                                    | 3%  | 18    | 1%  |
| Unspecified          | 25                    | 5%  | 37      | 11% | 56        | 14% | 31    | 9%  | 38        | 6%  | 24     | 10% | 2                                    | 6%  | 213   | 9%  |
| Unrestricted:        | 501                   |     | 326     |     | 318       |     | 274   |     | 475       |     | 183    |     | 119                                  |     | 2,196 |     |
| White                | 394                   | 79% | 293     | 90% | 256       | 81% | 233   | 85% | 402       | 85% | 51     | 28% | 107                                  | 90% | 1,736 | 79% |
| Black                | 68                    | 14% | 17      | 5%  | 10        | 3%  | 30    | 11% | 39        | 8%  | 106    | 58% | 7                                    | 6%  | 277   | 13% |
| Asian                | ---                   | --- | ---     | --- | 11        | 3%  | ---   | --- | 1         | *   | 1      | 1%  | 1                                    | 1%  | 14    | 1%  |
| Native American      | ---                   | --- | ---     | --- | ---       | --- | ---   | --- | 5         | 1%  | ---    | --- | ---                                  | --- | 5     | *   |
| Multi-Racial         | 37                    | 7%  | 1       | *   | 4         | 1%  | 1     | *   | 2         | *   | 1      | 1%  | ---                                  | --- | 46    | 2%  |
| Unspecified          | 2                     | *   | 15      | 5%  | 37        | 12% | 10    | 4%  | 26        | 5%  | 24     | 13% | 4                                    | 3%  | 118   | 5%  |
| Total                | 962                   |     | 665     |     | 723       |     | 607   |     | 1,095     |     | 424    |     | 152                                  |     | 4,628 |     |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05) <sup>(1)</sup>

| DSS Geographic Region |                                   |     |         |     |           |     |       |     |           |     |        |     |     |     | Total |     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Provider              | Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup> |     |         |     |           |     |       |     |           |     |        |     |     |     |       |     |
| Status                | West                              |     | Central |     | Northeast |     | Metro |     | Southeast |     | Boston |     |     |     | No.   | %   |
| Restricted:           | 461                               |     | 339     |     | 405       |     | 333   |     | 620       |     | 241    |     | 33  |     | 2,432 |     |
| Hispanic/Latino       | 103                               | 22% | 50      | 15% | 89        | 22% | 32    | 10% | 34        | 5%  | 40     | 17% | 4   | 12% | 352   | 14% |
| Not Hispanic/Latino   | 343                               | 74% | 277     | 82% | 294       | 73% | 277   | 83% | 558       | 90% | 190    | 79% | 26  | 79% | 1,965 | 81% |
| Unspecified           | 15                                | 3%  | 12      | 4%  | 22        | 5%  | 24    | 7%  | 28        | 5%  | 11     | 5%  | 3   | 9%  | 115   | 5%  |
| Unrestricted:         | 501                               |     | 326     |     | 318       |     | 274   |     | 475       |     | 183    |     | 119 |     | 2,196 |     |
| Hispanic/Latino       | 121                               | 24% | 35      | 11% | 79        | 25% | 18    | 7%  | 43        | 9%  | 39     | 21% | 6   | 5%  | 341   | 16% |
| Not Hispanic/Latino   | 379                               | 76% | 287     | 88% | 229       | 72% | 252   | 92% | 419       | 88% | 143    | 78% | 113 | 95% | 1,822 | 83% |
| Unspecified           | 1                                 | *   | 4       | 1%  | 10        | 3%  | 4     | 1%  | 13        | 3%  | 1      | 1%  | --- | --- | 33    | 2%  |
| Total                 | 962                               |     | 665     |     | 723       |     | 607   |     | 1,095     |     | 424    |     | 152 |     | 4,628 |     |

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.



TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05) <sup>(1)</sup>

| Provider<br>Status   | DSS Geographic Region |     |         |     |           |     |       |     |           |     |        |     | Adoption<br>Contracts <sup>(2)</sup> |     | Total |     |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
|                      | West                  |     | Central |     | Northeast |     | Metro |     | Southeast |     | Boston |     |                                      |     |       |     |
|                      | No.                   | %   | No.     | %   | No.       | %   | No.   | %   | No.       | %   | No.    | %   | No.                                  | %   | No.   | %   |
| Restricted:          | 461                   |     | 339     |     | 405       |     | 333   |     | 620       |     | 241    |     | 33                                   |     | 2,432 |     |
| White                | 370                   | 80% | 270     | 80% | 307       | 76% | 272   | 82% | 501       | 81% | 93     | 39% | 21                                   | 64% | 1,834 | 75% |
| Black                | 58                    | 13% | 26      | 8%  | 19        | 5%  | 28    | 8%  | 70        | 11% | 119    | 49% | 8                                    | 24% | 328   | 13% |
| Asian                | ---                   | --- | 4       | 1%  | 17        | 4%  | 1     | *   | 2         | *   | 2      | 1%  | ---                                  | --- | 26    | 1%  |
| Native American      | ---                   | --- | 1       | *   | 1         | *   | ---   | --- | 7         | 1%  | ---    | --- | 1                                    | 3%  | 10    | *   |
| Other <sup>(3)</sup> | 1                     | *   | ---     | --- | 1         | *   | ---   | --- | ---       | --- | 1      | *   | ---                                  | --- | 3     | *   |
| Multi-Racial         | 7                     | 2%  | 1       | *   | 4         | 1%  | 1     | *   | 2         | *   | 2      | 1%  | 1                                    | 3%  | 18    | 1%  |
| Unspecified          | 25                    | 5%  | 37      | 11% | 56        | 14% | 31    | 9%  | 38        | 6%  | 24     | 10% | 2                                    | 6%  | 213   | 9%  |
| Unrestricted:        | 501                   |     | 326     |     | 318       |     | 274   |     | 475       |     | 183    |     | 119                                  |     | 2,196 |     |
| White                | 394                   | 79% | 293     | 90% | 256       | 81% | 233   | 85% | 402       | 85% | 51     | 28% | 107                                  | 90% | 1,736 | 79% |
| Black                | 68                    | 14% | 17      | 5%  | 10        | 3%  | 30    | 11% | 39        | 8%  | 106    | 58% | 7                                    | 6%  | 277   | 13% |
| Asian                | ---                   | --- | ---     | --- | 11        | 3%  | ---   | --- | 1         | *   | 1      | 1%  | 1                                    | 1%  | 14    | 1%  |
| Native American      | ---                   | --- | ---     | --- | ---       | --- | ---   | --- | 5         | 1%  | ---    | --- | ---                                  | --- | 5     | *   |
| Multi-Racial         | 37                    | 7%  | 1       | *   | 4         | 1%  | 1     | *   | 2         | *   | 1      | 1%  | ---                                  | --- | 46    | 2%  |
| Unspecified          | 2                     | *   | 15      | 5%  | 37        | 12% | 10    | 4%  | 26        | 5%  | 24     | 13% | 4                                    | 3%  | 118   | 5%  |
| Total                | 962                   |     | 665     |     | 723       |     | 607   |     | 1,095     |     | 424    |     | 152                                  |     | 4,628 |     |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/05) <sup>(1)</sup>

| DSS Geographic Region |                                   |     |         |     |           |     |       |     |           |     |        |     |     |     | Total |     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Provider              | Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup> |     |         |     |           |     |       |     |           |     |        |     |     |     |       |     |
| Status                | West                              |     | Central |     | Northeast |     | Metro |     | Southeast |     | Boston |     |     |     | No.   | %   |
| Restricted:           | 461                               |     | 339     |     | 405       |     | 333   |     | 620       |     | 241    |     | 33  |     | 2,432 |     |
| Hispanic/Latino       | 103                               | 22% | 50      | 15% | 89        | 22% | 32    | 10% | 34        | 5%  | 40     | 17% | 4   | 12% | 352   | 14% |
| Not Hispanic/Latino   | 343                               | 74% | 277     | 82% | 294       | 73% | 277   | 83% | 558       | 90% | 190    | 79% | 26  | 79% | 1,965 | 81% |
| Unspecified           | 15                                | 3%  | 12      | 4%  | 22        | 5%  | 24    | 7%  | 28        | 5%  | 11     | 5%  | 3   | 9%  | 115   | 5%  |
| Unrestricted:         | 501                               |     | 326     |     | 318       |     | 274   |     | 475       |     | 183    |     | 119 |     | 2,196 |     |
| Hispanic/Latino       | 121                               | 24% | 35      | 11% | 79        | 25% | 18    | 7%  | 43        | 9%  | 39     | 21% | 6   | 5%  | 341   | 16% |
| Not Hispanic/Latino   | 379                               | 76% | 287     | 88% | 229       | 72% | 252   | 92% | 419       | 88% | 143    | 78% | 113 | 95% | 1,822 | 83% |
| Unspecified           | 1                                 | *   | 4       | 1%  | 10        | 3%  | 4     | 1%  | 13        | 3%  | 1      | 1%  | --- | --- | 33    | 2%  |
| Total                 | 962                               |     | 665     |     | 723       |     | 607   |     | 1,095     |     | 424    |     | 152 |     | 4,628 |     |

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

## Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

### Reports

- Statewide, 16,707 reports were recorded during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Sixty-three percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,167) and Southeast (2,618). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 3,921 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 56% in the West to 67% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 70%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 22% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports declined 13% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2005 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. Decreases ranged from -8% in Metro to -21% in both the Northeast and Boston. Typically, report counts drop during the summer quarter (Q1) then climb during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

### Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 was 8,997.<sup>1</sup> Fifty-six percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (1,840) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 53% in the Northeast to a high of 59% in Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 75% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

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<sup>1</sup> The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern (67%), Boston (63%), and Southeastern (63%) Regions had the highest screen-in rates. A high screen-in rate does not necessarily mean a high support rate. The Northeastern Region had the highest screen-in rate and the lowest support rate (53%). **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, investigations decreased 13% from the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2005 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006. The statewide drop in investigations was a reflection of what was occurring in each of the DSS Regions (declines ranging from -11% to -23%). **(Fig. 21)**

**TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**

| DSS Geographic Region         | Screening Decision |     |               |     |           |     | Total  |      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----|---------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|------|
|                               | Screened Out       |     | Screened-In   |     |           |     |        |      |
|                               |                    |     | Non-Emergency |     | Emergency |     |        |      |
|                               |                    |     |               |     | No.       | %   |        |      |
| No.                           | %                  | No. | %             | No. | %         | No. | %      |      |
| West                          | 1,395              | 44% | 1,705         | 54% | 67        | 2%  | 3,167  | 19%  |
| Central                       | 882                | 43% | 1,134         | 55% | 44        | 2%  | 2,060  | 12%  |
| Northeast                     | 622                | 33% | 1,222         | 65% | 30        | 2%  | 1,874  | 11%  |
| Metro                         | 670                | 41% | 940           | 57% | 31        | 2%  | 1,641  | 10%  |
| Southeast                     | 969                | 37% | 1,578         | 60% | 71        | 3%  | 2,618  | 16%  |
| Boston                        | 521                | 37% | 861           | 61% | 30        | 2%  | 1,412  | 8%   |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 1,161              | 30% | 1,886         | 48% | 874       | 22% | 3,921  | 23%  |
| Special Investigations        | 2                  | 14% | 12            | 86% | ---       | --- | 14     | *    |
| Total                         | 6,222              | 37% | 9,338         | 56% | 1,147     | 7%  | 16,707 | 100% |

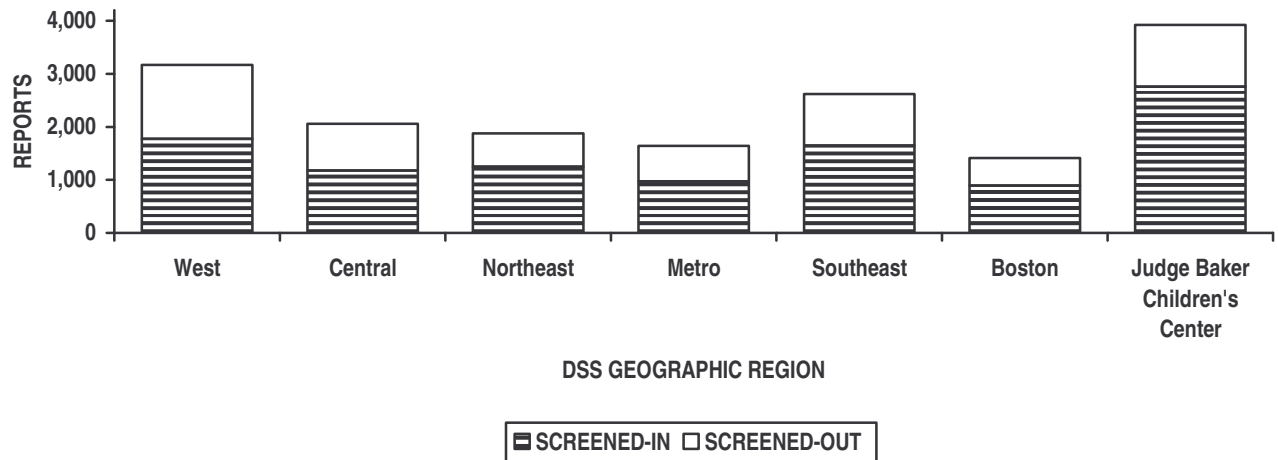
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**TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**

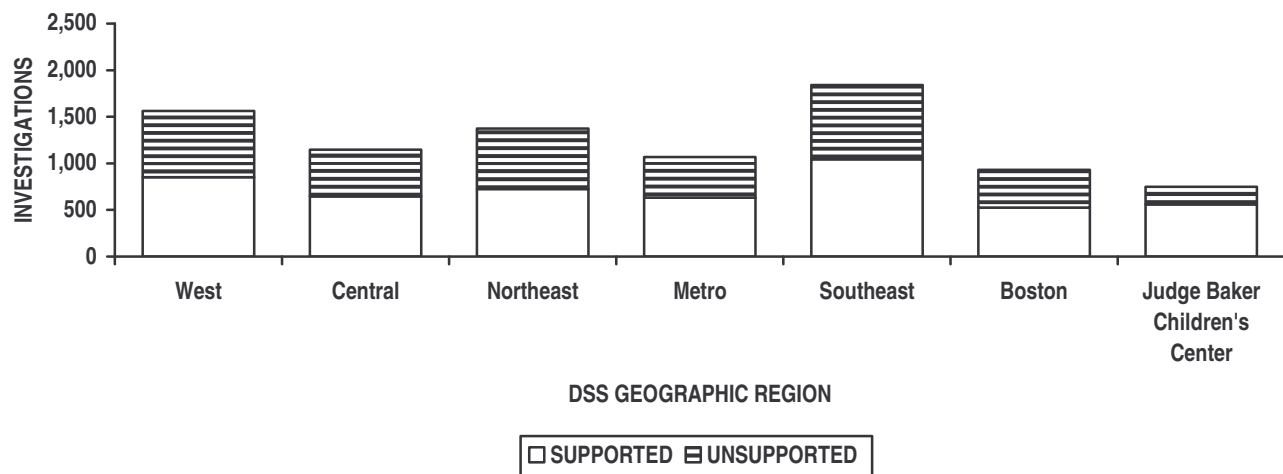
| DSS Geographic Region         | Investigation Decision |     |             |     | Total |      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------|------|
|                               | Supported              |     | Unsupported |     |       |      |
|                               | No.                    | %   | No.         | %   | No.   | %    |
| West                          | 850                    | 54% | 711         | 46% | 1,561 | 17%  |
| Central                       | 647                    | 56% | 501         | 44% | 1,148 | 13%  |
| Northeast                     | 723                    | 53% | 651         | 47% | 1,374 | 15%  |
| Metro                         | 632                    | 59% | 436         | 41% | 1,068 | 12%  |
| Southeast                     | 1,043                  | 57% | 797         | 43% | 1,840 | 20%  |
| Boston                        | 526                    | 57% | 404         | 43% | 930   | 10%  |
| Judge Baker Children's Center | 559                    | 75% | 191         | 25% | 750   | 8%   |
| Special Investigations        | 96                     | 29% | 230         | 71% | 326   | 4%   |
| Total                         | 5,076                  | 56% | 3,921       | 44% | 8,997 | 100% |

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

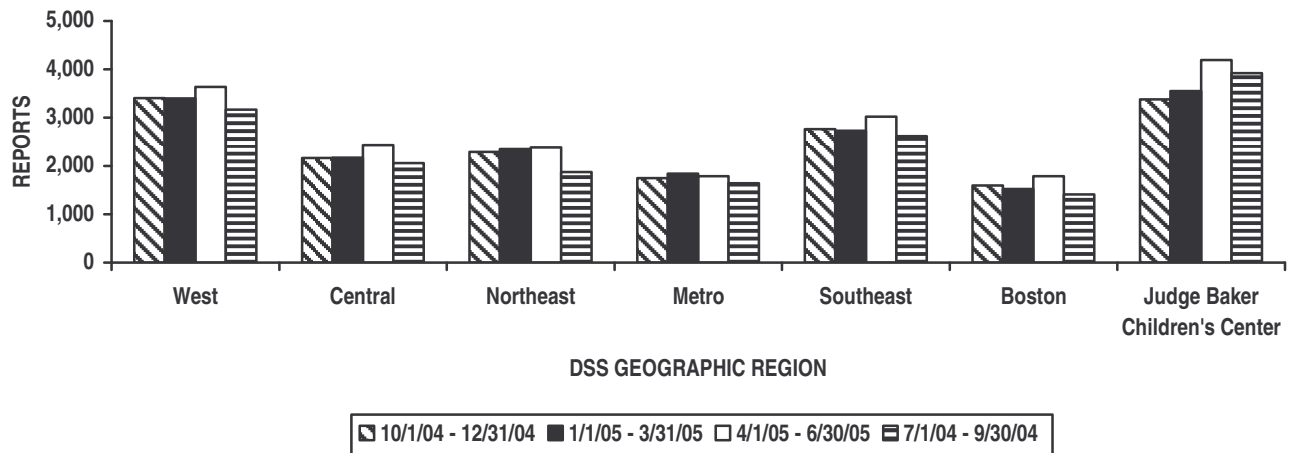
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)  
FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**



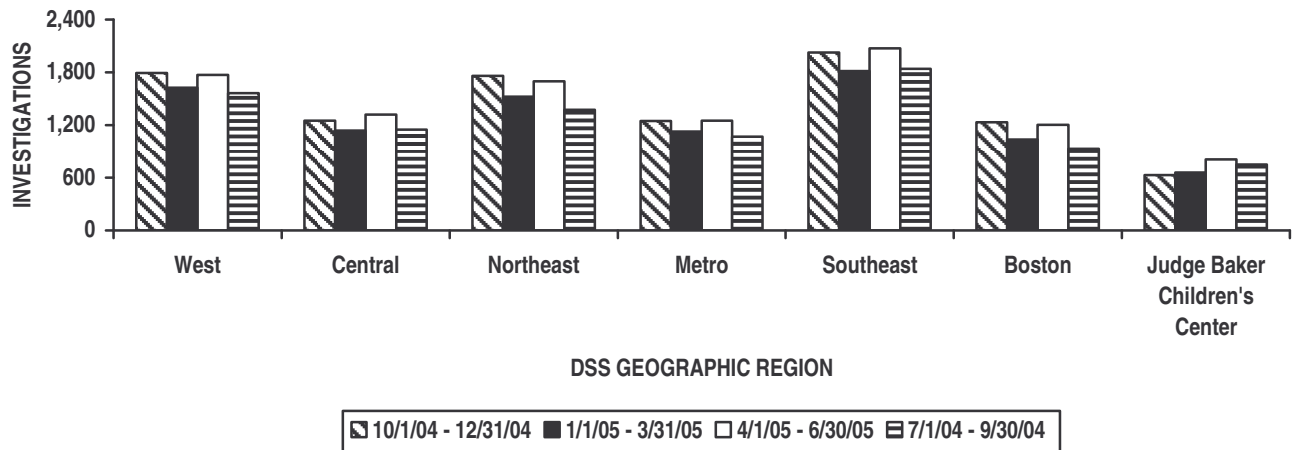
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS  
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)  
FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2005, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER)**



## DA Referrals

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006, 1,104 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-four percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>1</sup> and 56% were discretionary referrals<sup>2</sup> (**Fig. 22**). There was a 12% decrease in case referrals compared to the previous quarter.

**Case Referrals\***

| Date      | Mandatory |     | Discretionary |     | Total |
|-----------|-----------|-----|---------------|-----|-------|
|           | No.       | %   | No.           | %   | No.   |
| FY'01, Q3 | 380       | 43% | 504           | 57% | 884   |
| FY'01, Q4 | 435       | 48% | 468           | 52% | 903   |
| FY'02, Q1 | 341       | 46% | 403           | 54% | 744   |
| FY'02, Q2 | 421       | 45% | 507           | 55% | 928   |
| FY'02, Q3 | 443       | 42% | 614           | 58% | 1,057 |
| FY'02, Q4 | 494       | 45% | 616           | 55% | 1,110 |
| FY'03, Q1 | 477       | 46% | 555           | 54% | 1,032 |
| FY'03, Q2 | 488       | 48% | 530           | 52% | 1,018 |
| FY'03, Q3 | 525       | 46% | 611           | 54% | 1,136 |
| FY'03, Q4 | 599       | 49% | 614           | 51% | 1,213 |
| FY'04, Q1 | 527       | 52% | 489           | 48% | 1,016 |
| FY'04, Q2 | 489       | 45% | 586           | 55% | 1,075 |
| FY'04, Q3 | 527       | 45% | 655           | 55% | 1,182 |
| FY'04, Q4 | 558       | 45% | 669           | 55% | 1,227 |
| FY'05, Q1 | 500       | 49% | 518           | 51% | 1,018 |
| FY'05, Q2 | 500       | 45% | 603           | 55% | 1,103 |
| FY'05, Q3 | 575       | 47% | 637           | 53% | 1,212 |
| FY'05, Q4 | 547       | 44% | 701           | 56% | 1,248 |
| FY'06, Q1 | 490       | 44% | 614           | 56% | 1,104 |

\* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 85% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals<sup>3</sup> during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2006 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Thirteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

<sup>1</sup> Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

<sup>2</sup> There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

<sup>3</sup> **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason.**

- Table 16 (on page 54) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size<sup>1</sup> for the county. Referral counts were highest for the largest counties, Essex, Worcester, Middlesex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county populations, Hampden County (encompassing city of Springfield) had a higher number of referrals than expected.

### Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

| Date      | Sexual Abuse |     | Physical Abuse |     | Death <sup>2</sup> |    | Total |
|-----------|--------------|-----|----------------|-----|--------------------|----|-------|
|           | No.          | %   | No.            | %   | No.                | %  | No.   |
| FY'01, Q3 | 303          | 75% | 91             | 23% | 8                  | 2% | 402   |
| FY'01, Q4 | 346          | 77% | 102            | 23% | 3                  | 1% | 451   |
| FY'02, Q1 | 295          | 83% | 57             | 16% | 5                  | 1% | 357   |
| FY'02, Q2 | 329          | 75% | 107            | 24% | 5                  | 1% | 441   |
| FY'02, Q3 | 361          | 78% | 90             | 20% | 9                  | 2% | 460   |
| FY'02, Q4 | 398          | 78% | 111            | 22% | 3                  | 1% | 512   |
| FY'03, Q1 | 409          | 82% | 84             | 17% | 8                  | 2% | 501   |
| FY'03, Q2 | 412          | 82% | 88             | 18% | --                 | -- | 500   |
| FY'03, Q3 | 412          | 76% | 123            | 23% | 6                  | 1% | 541   |
| FY'03, Q4 | 455          | 73% | 166            | 27% | 5                  | 1% | 626   |
| FY'04, Q1 | 459          | 83% | 87             | 16% | 9                  | 2% | 555   |
| FY'04, Q2 | 385          | 76% | 114            | 23% | 5                  | 1% | 504   |
| FY'04, Q3 | 414          | 76% | 127            | 23% | 6                  | 1% | 547   |
| FY'04, Q4 | 455          | 78% | 122            | 21% | 6                  | 1% | 583   |
| FY'05, Q1 | 412          | 80% | 97             | 19% | 4                  | 1% | 513   |
| FY'05, Q2 | 398          | 77% | 113            | 22% | 5                  | 1% | 516   |
| FY'05, Q3 | 461          | 79% | 124            | 21% | 2                  | *  | 587   |
| FY'05, Q4 | 444          | 78% | 122            | 21% | 2                  | *  | 568   |
| FY'06, Q1 | 432          | 85% | 66             | 13% | 5                  | 1% | 503   |

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>1</sup> County population estimates for 2004 (<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/25000.html>).

<sup>2</sup> Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

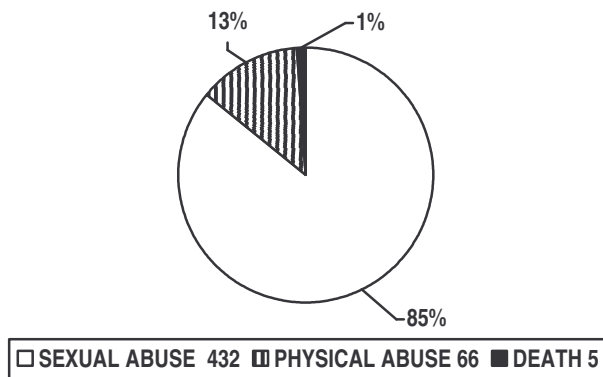


## DA REFERRALS FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)



FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:  
FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**

| Nature of Abuse                              | Reasons    |             |
|--|------------|-------------|
|  | No.        | %           |
| <b>Sexual Abuse:</b>                         | <b>432</b> | <b>86%</b>  |
| Sexual Assault                               | 410        |             |
| Sexual Exploitation                          | 22         |             |
| .....  |            |             |
| <b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>               | <b>66</b>  | <b>13%</b>  |
| .....  |            |             |
| <b>Death:</b>                                | <b>5</b>   | <b>1%</b>   |
| .....  |            |             |
| <b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b> | <b>503</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY <sup>(1)</sup>: FY'2006, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/05 - 9/30/05)**

| County <sup>(2)</sup> | Case Referrals |     |           |     | Total<br>No. |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------|
|                       | Discretionary  |     | Mandatory |     |              |
|                       | No.            | %   | No.       | %   |              |
| Essex                 | 105            | 42% | 147       | 58% | 252          |
| Worcester             | 95             | 56% | 76        | 44% | 171          |
| Middlesex             | 101            | 63% | 60        | 37% | 161          |
| Suffolk               | 110            | 78% | 31        | 22% | 141          |
| Hampden               | 44             | 51% | 43        | 49% | 87           |
| Bristol               | 36             | 46% | 42        | 54% | 78           |
| Norfolk               | 34             | 60% | 23        | 40% | 57           |
| Plymouth              | 39             | 78% | 11        | 22% | 50           |
| Berkshire             | 11             | 26% | 31        | 74% | 42           |
| Franklin              | 11             | 65% | 6         | 35% | 17           |
| Barnstable            | 7              | 44% | 9         | 56% | 16           |
| Hampshire             | 8              | 73% | 3         | 27% | 11           |
| Dukes                 | 4              | 67% | 2         | 33% | 6            |
| OUT OF STATE          | 9              | 60% | 6         | 40% | 15           |
| Total                 | 614            | 56% | 490       | 44% | 1,104        |

<sup>(1)</sup> DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.